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HALP!

AIR DEVILS
CHAPTER II

WITH
"HOT
ROCK"
FLANAGAN



I'LL GIVE
YOU' THREE
TO STOP AND
SURRENDER, YOU
TWO-FACED RAT!
ONE...
TWO...

OH, NO,
YOU DON'T,
SONNY BOY! IF
YOU HEAVE
THAT POLE, I'LL...
GULP!

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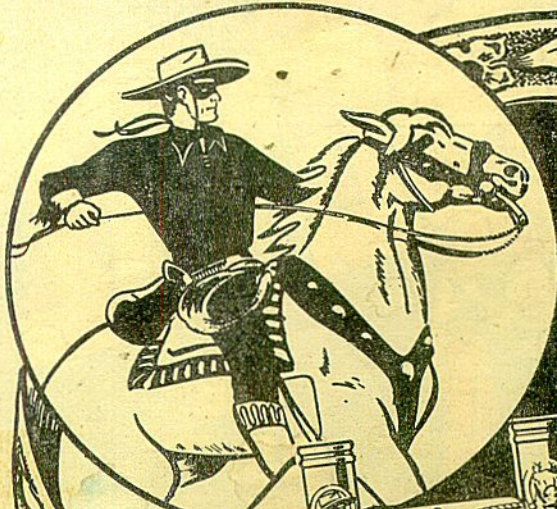
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in

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SECOND ANNUAL BOY HERO CONTEST

Sponsored by
YOUNG CITIZENS COMMITTEE

IN ADDITION TO PRIZES SHOWN
IN THIS WINDOW THE WINNER
WILL ALSO RECEIVE

A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
A 22-FOOT VICTORY SPEEDBOAT
A CERTIFICATE ENTITLING WINNER
TO A NEW CAR WHEN HE IS
ELIGIBLE TO DRIVE

CONTEST RULES

ANY LOCAL BOY UP TO THE
AGE OF 18 MAY ENTER.
OFFICIAL AFFIDAVIT FORMS SIGNED
BY TWO WITNESSES TO THE
HEROIC DEED MUST BE SUBMITTED
TO THE JUDGES. PRIZES WILL
BE AWARDED TO THE BOY
WHO HAS PERFORMED
THE MOST HEROIC DEED.
THE DECISION OF THE
JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.

Further details of rules appear
on application blanks available
inside store

DELEAY'S DEPT. STORE

THERE ARE NO BARGAIN SALES IN HEROISM! DESTINY WILL NOT BE ALTERED FOR SELFISH PERSONAL GAIN! NO AMOUNT OF SALESMANSHIP CAN LURE A PERSON'S LOVE! HE WILL RESPOND ONLY TO SINCERITY AND THE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT THE DESIRE FOR AFFECTION IS HEARTFELT BY THE SEEKER! BY THE SAME TOKEN, IN THE TRUE SENSE THERE ARE NO PROFESSIONAL HEROES! A DEED IS HEROIC ONLY WHEN IT IS MINUS COMMERCIALISM! THE TRUE HERO NEVER CONSIDERS THE REWARD BEFORE THE ACT! NATURE SEEMS TO CONTROL THAT PHENOMENON, AND NO AMOUNT OF MERCENARY CUNNING CAN OUTWIT ITS MAGICAL CHEMISTRY! PEE WEE WILL LONG REMEMBER ALL HIS WASTED EFFORT TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF HEROISM...

Charles Biro



WOW! NOW THERE'S A CONTEST WORTH ENTERING! LOOK AT THE STUFF YOU CAN WIN! LET'S GO INSIDE AND GET THE AFFIDAVIT BLANKS!

WHOA, PEE WEE! NOT SO FAST! WE'RE NOT HEROES!

AND YOU CAN'T JUST DECIDE TO BE A HERO, PEE WEE!

YOUNG CITIZENS CONTEST
 IN ADDITION TO PRIZES SHOWN IN THIS WINDOW THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:
 A FLOUR BARREL
 A 22-FOOT BOAT
 A CERTIFICATE TO A NEWLY RELEASABLE
 A SCHOLARSHIP
 FEDERAL WINNERS
 THE WINNER WILL BE NAMED AFTER HIM AND...
CONTEST
 ANY LOCAL BOY AGE OF 10-18 AN OFFICIAL AFFIDAVIT BY TWO WITNESSES HEROIC DEED MUST BE AWARDED TO THE JUDGE WHO HAS BEEN THE MOST RECENT DECISION JUDGE WILL
 For full details on application blanks inside



SURE, YOU CAN! HECK, WE'VE GAVED PEOPLE'S LIVES AND STUFF LIKE THAT—LOTS OF TIMES WHEN WE WEREN'T EVEN TRYING TO BE HEROES! IT SHOULD BE EASY TO DO IT ON PURPOSE!

YOU'RE WAY OFF THE BEAM, PEE WEE! A REALLY GREAT HERO DOESN'T WASTE TIME THINKING ABOUT WHAT REWARD HE'LL GET FOR HIS BRAVERY! THAT'S WHAT MAKES A HERO GREAT!



THAT'S OLD FASHIONED! THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU CAN'T BE A HERO AND WIN A CONTEST, TOO! BOY! LAST YEAR'S WINNER HAD DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT, AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND THEN HE WAS FLOWN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN A B-36 THAT WAS NAMED AFTER HIM AND...

BUT, PEE WEE!

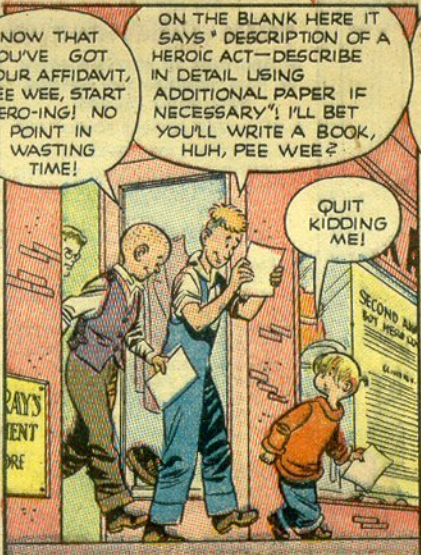


... AND THEY EVEN HAD A GREAT ARTIST SCULPTURE A BUST OF THE HERO FOR THE HALL OF FAME! THAT'S FOR ME! YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE, BUT I'M GOING IN FOR MY AFFIDAVIT BLANK!

OKAY! IF IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY, WE'LL GET ONE, TOO!

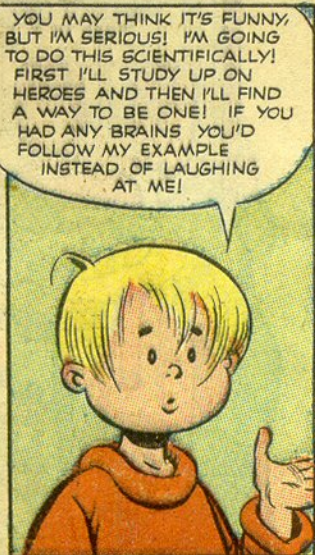
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT YOUR AFFIDAVIT, PEE WEE, START HERO-ING! NO POINT IN WASTING TIME!

DELRAY'S Department STORE

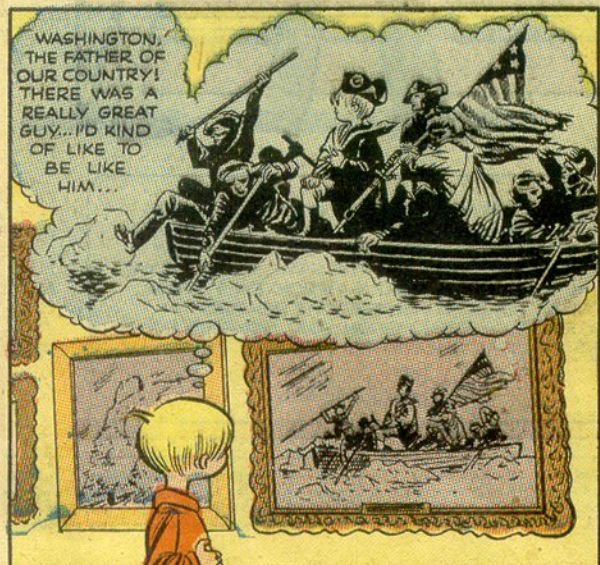


ON THE BLANK HERE IT SAYS 'DESCRIPTION OF A HEROIC ACT—DESCRIBE IN DETAIL USING ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY'. I'LL BET YOU'LL WRITE A BOOK, HUH, PEE WEE?

QUIT KIDDING ME!



YOU MAY THINK IT'S FUNNY, BUT I'M SERIOUS! I'M GOING TO DO THIS SCIENTIFICALLY! FIRST I'LL STUDY UP ON HEROES AND THEN I'LL FIND A WAY TO BE ONE! IF YOU HAD ANY BRAINS YOU'D FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE INSTEAD OF LAUGHING AT ME!



WASHINGTON, THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY! THERE WAS A REALLY GREAT GUY... I'D KIND OF LIKE TO BE LIKE HIM...





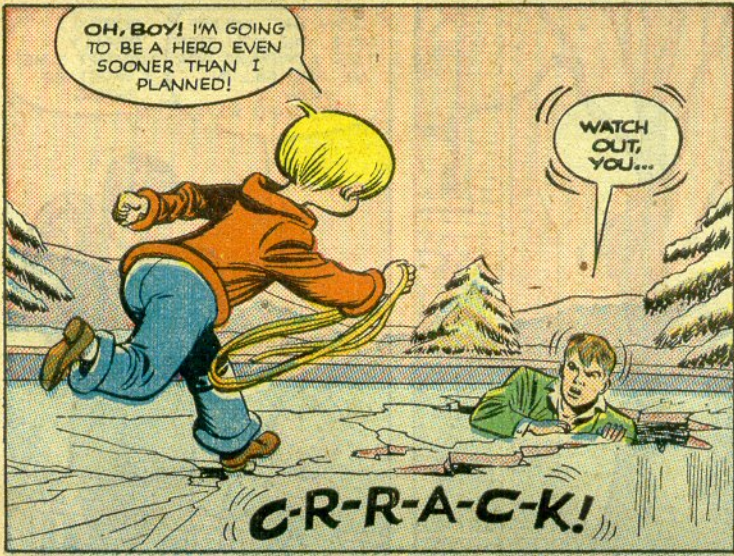
GOLLY!
AFTER SEEING
THIS WHOLE
ROOMFUL OF
HEROES I
FEEL
INSPIRED!



LATER, PEE WEE STROLLS THROUGH THE PARK...
YOU ARE THE GREATEST
HERO IN AMERICA,
PEE WEE!
PEE WEE GREAT HERO
HELP!
CAUTION
THIN
ICE
CRACK



DON'T WORRY!
I'LL SAVE YOU!



OH, BOY! I'M GOING
TO BE A HERO EVEN
SOONER THAN I
PLANNED!

WATCH
OUT,
YOU...

C-R-R-A-C-K!

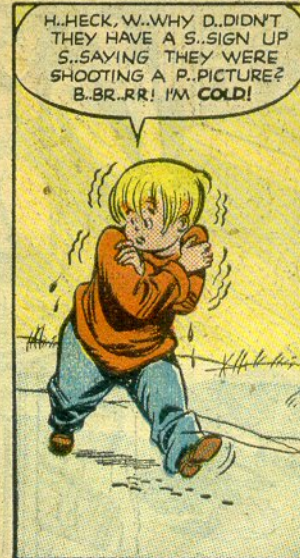


DON'T
WORRY! I'LL
S...S...SAVE
Y...!

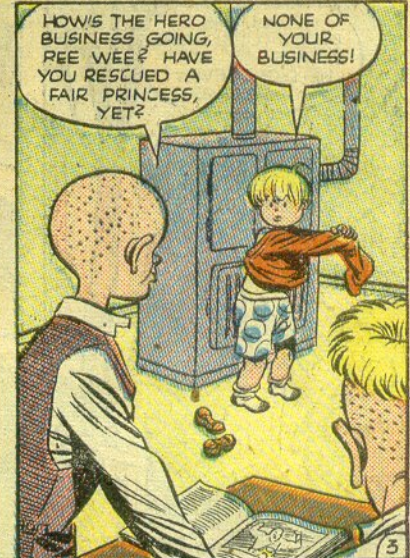
GET OUTTA
THERE, YOU
CRAZY LITTLE
FOOL!



YOU STUPID RUNT! YOU'VE
RUINED A WHOLE REEL! NOW
WE CAN'T SHOOT AGAIN TILL
TOMORROW! WHY DON'TCHA
MIND YOUR OWN
BUSINESS?



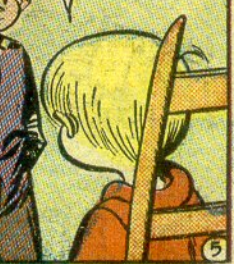
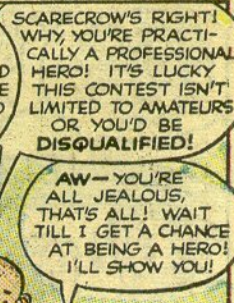
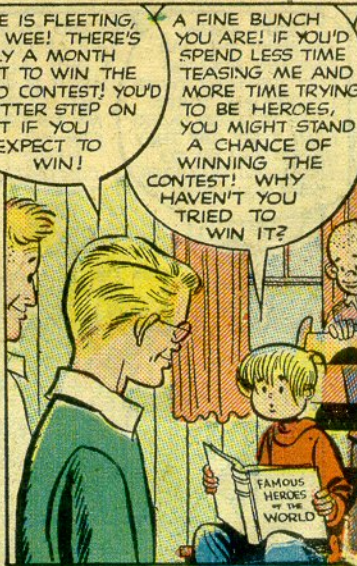
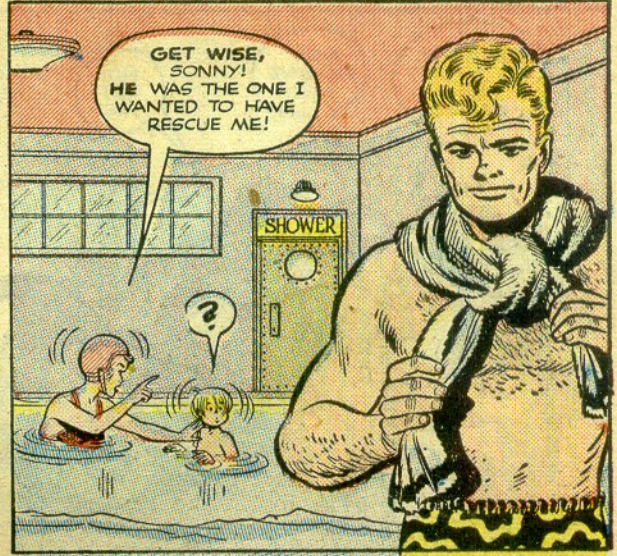
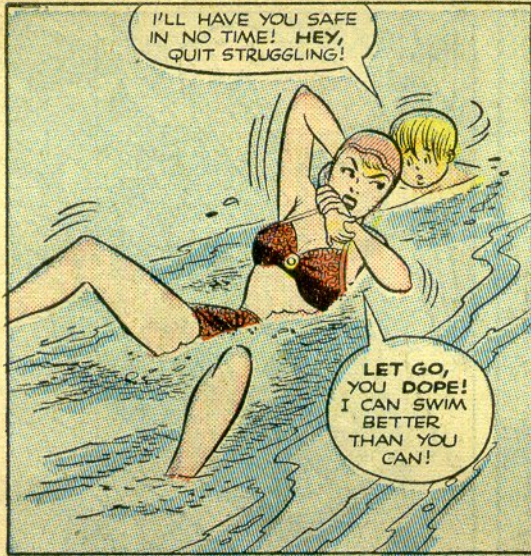
H...HECK, W...WHY D...DIDN'T
THEY HAVE A S...SIGN UP
S...SAYING THEY WERE
SHOOTING A P...PICTURE?
B...BR...RR! I'M COLD!

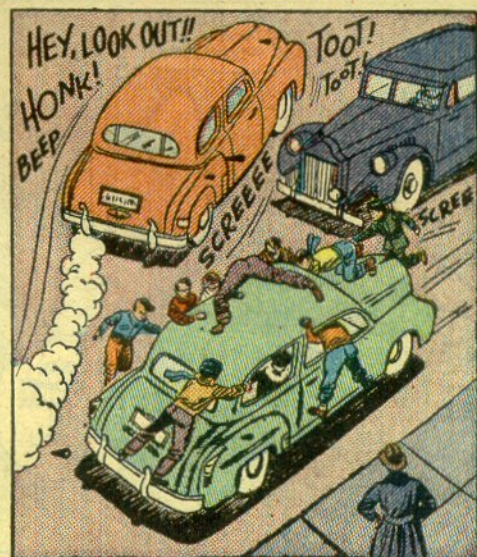
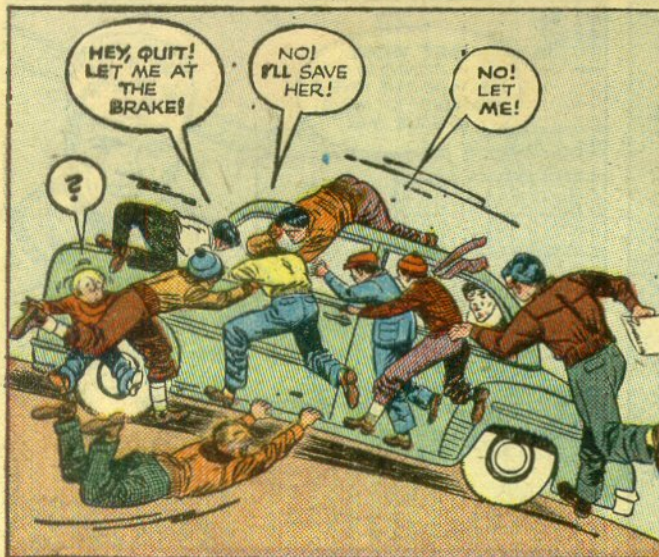
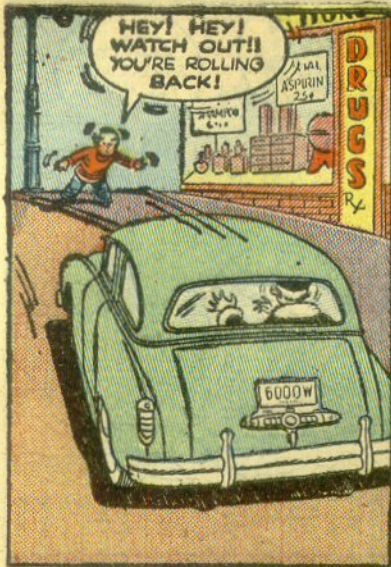


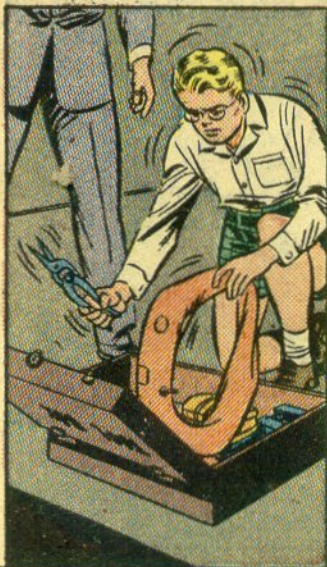
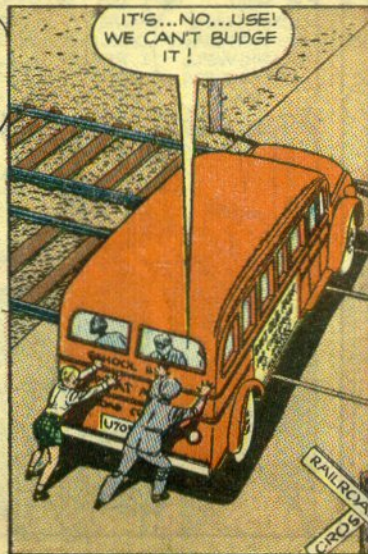
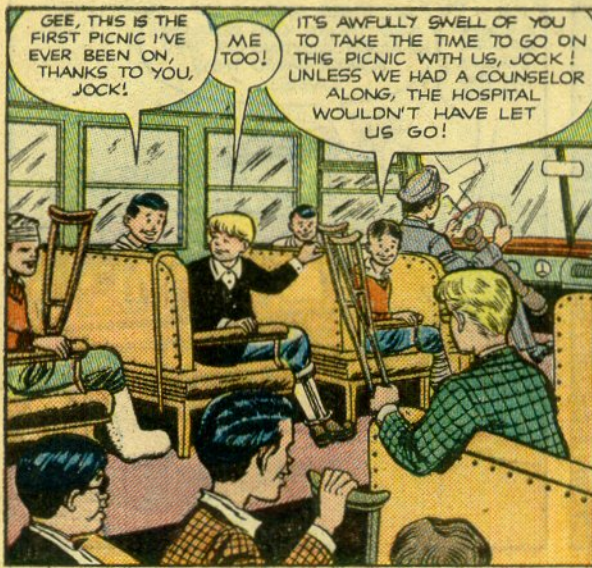
HOW'S THE HERO
BUSINESS GOING,
REE WEE? HAVE
YOU RESCUED A
FAIR PRINCESS,
YET?

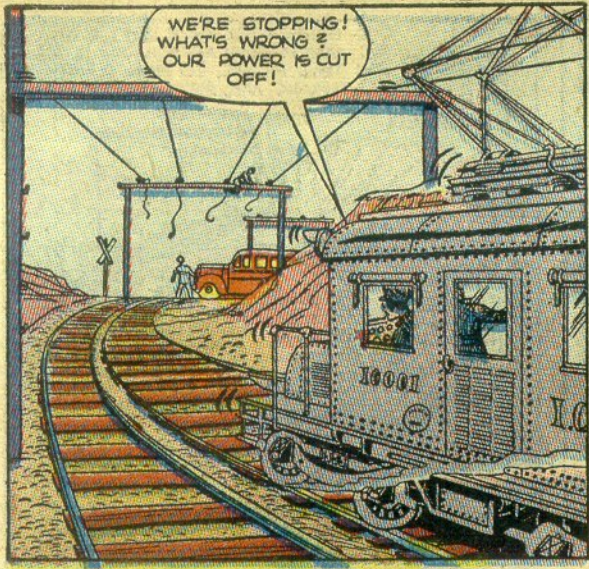
NONE OF
YOUR
BUSINESS!











WE'RE STOPPING!
WHAT'S WRONG?
OUR POWER IS CUT
OFF!



IT'S A
BUSLOAD
OF KIDS
STALLED
ON THE
TRACKS!

ANOTHER FIFTY FEET
AND THOSE KIDS WOULDN'T
BE ALIVE! CUTTING OFF THAT
POWER SAVED THEIR
LIVES!



YOU SAVED
OUR LIVES,
JOCK!

YOU'RE
A
REAL
HERO!

YOU SAID IT!
YOU SHOULD
WIN THE HERO
CONTEST
HANDS DOWN!

BOYS CLUB PIC
FOR CHILDREN
OF
ST. MARKS
HOSPITAL



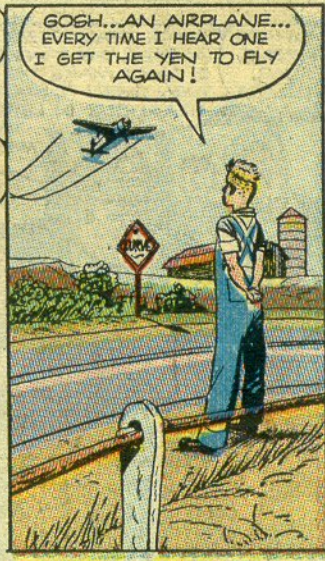
IF YOU
DON'T HAVE
AN AFFADAVIT
BLANK, WE'LL
GET ONE FOR
YOU!

I DO
HAVE
ONE, BUT
I REALLY
DON'T
THINK I
SHOULD!

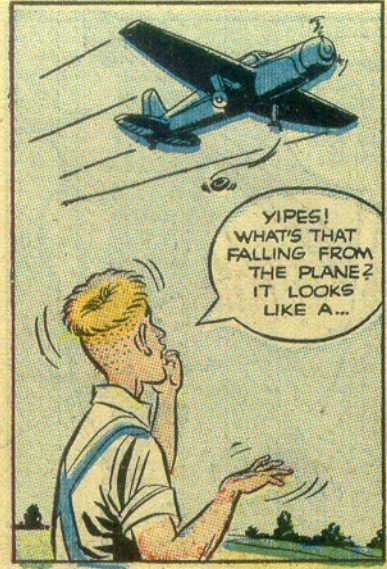
LET ME SIGN
AS A
WITNESS!

NO LET
ME!

WE'LL
ALL
SIGN!



GOSH...AN AIRPLANE...
EVERY TIME I HEAR ONE
I GET THE YEN TO FLY
AGAIN!



YIPES!
WHAT'S THAT
FALLING FROM
THE PLANE?
IT LOOKS
LIKE A...



IT IS... IT'S ONE OF THE
WHEELS FROM THE LANDING
GEAR! UNLESS SOMEONE
WARNS THEM THEY'LL CRASH
SURE AS HECK WHEN
THEY LAND!



HEY! HEY! MISTER! GET ME TO
THE AIRPORT AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH!

?



...WITH ONE WHEEL OFF. THEY'LL CRASH AND BE KILLED! ISN'T THERE SOME WAY TO NOTIFY THE PILOT?

IT'S AN INSTRUCTION PLANE AND IT HAS NO RADIO! AND THERE'S NO PILOT AROUND WHO COULD FLY AFTER THEM! TOO BAD TOO, BECAUSE THAT PLANE HAS RETRACTABLE LANDING GEAR...IF THEY COULD BE WARNED THEY COULD MAKE A SAFE BELLY LANDING!



I CAN FLY! LEND ME A PLANE THAT'S FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH UP WITH THEM! I THINK I CAN MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND!

I GUESS IT'S WORTH A TRY! GO AHEAD, KID!



HE CAN REALLY HANDLE A PLANE! HE'LL CATCH UP WITH THEM, OKAY! BUT HOW'LL HE TELL THEM WHAT'S WRONG!



WHAT'S THAT CRAZY FOOL DOING BUZZING OUR PLANE! GET HIS NUMBER!

MAYBE HE'S CRAZY! LOOK AT THE WAY HE'S ACTING!

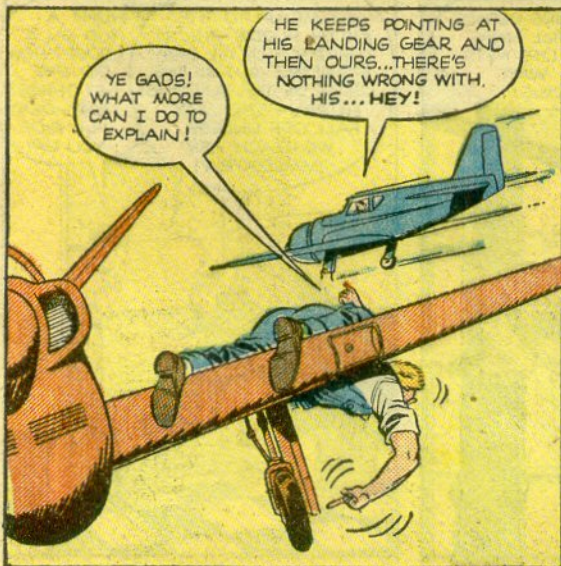


DARN IT! THEY HAVEN'T ANY IDEA OF WHAT'S WRONG! LOOK AT 'EM TRYING TO WAVE ME OFF! I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY!



LOOK! HE MUST BE GOING TO COMMIT SUICIDE! WHY ELSE WOULD HE LEAVE THE CONTROLS!

HE HAVEN'T EVEN A PARACHUTE!

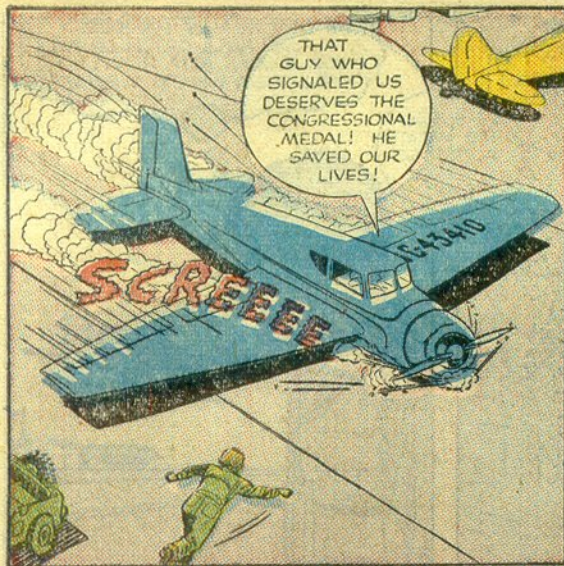


YE GADS! WHAT MORE CAN I DO TO EXPLAIN!

HE KEEPS POINTING AT HIS LANDING GEAR AND THEN OURS...THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HIS...HEY!



HE MUST MEAN SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH OUR LANDING GEAR...HE KEEPS GESTURING AT THE WHEELS...AND NOW HE'S POINTING TO HIS STOMACH! I GET IT! HE WANTS ME TO MAKE A BELLY LANDING!



THAT GUY WHO SIGNALLED US DESERVES THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL! HE SAVED OUR LIVES!



HERE COMES THE KID! HE SPOTTED YOUR TROUBLE! AND WENT AFTER YOU! THERE WASN'T ANOTHER FLIER ANYWHERE NEAR THE FIELD THAT I COULD HAVE SENT AFTER YOU!

WE OWE OUR LIVES TO HIM! LOOK AT THAT LANDING! HE HANDLES THAT PLANE LIKE AN INSTRUCTOR!



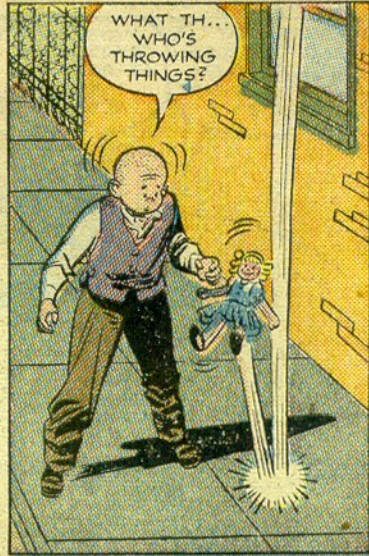
I'M GOING TO SUBMIT YOUR NAME FOR THE BOY HERO AWARD! ONLY ONE IN A MILLION WOULD RISK HIS LIFE AS YOU DID WHEN YOU CLIMBED OUT ON THAT WING!

HAVE YOU GOT A CONTEST BLANK?

I SURE HAVE!



IT'S MY TURN TO COOK SUPPER TONIGHT SO I'D BETTER GET HOME EARLY!



WHAT TH... WHO'S THROWING THINGS?



A DOLL! SOME KID MUST'VE... OH, MIGOSH—IT'S A LITTLE BABY UP THERE!



I'LL CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! THEY WILL HAVE LADDERS AND LIFE NETS— IF SHE'LL WAIT THAT LONG!



GET ME UP TO THE FIFTH FLOOR QUICK! THERE'S A LITTLE BABY STANDING OUT ON THE LEDGE OF THE BUILDING! HURRY—SHE MAY FALL OFF UNLESS WE REACH HER IMMEDIATELY!

HUH? A KID ON A LEDGE? HOW DID SHE GET THERE? OKAY—OKAY—I'LL RIDE YOU UP!



GOLLY! IT'S THE LITTLE WALKER KID! ONE WRONG MOVE AND SHE'S A GONER!



OH, MY BABY! MY LITTLE BABY!

IT'S A LITTLE KID ON THAT LEDGE!

HERE COMES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

IF SHE MOVES AN INCH SHE'LL TOPPLE OFF!

HOW DREADFUL!

WHEEEE



HELLO, LITTLE GIRL... (DON'T LET ME SCARE HER...) LOOK, HERE'S YOUR NICE LITTLE DOLLY... (SHE MUSTN'T MOVE... SHE MUSN'T!) YOU STAY RIGHT THERE AND I'LL BRING HER TO YOU!



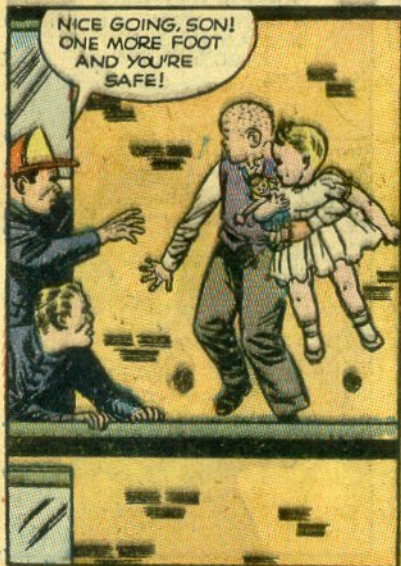
IT'S—IT'S BETTY! IT'S MY LITTLE GIRL, BETTY! DON'T LET HER FALL! DO SOMETHING!

WE'VE LIFE NETS READY BUT WE DON'T DARE PUT UP A LADDER FOR FEAR WE'LL SCARE HER! IT'S UP TO THAT BOY UP THERE! IF HE CAN REACH HER IN TIME!



WHEW! NOW YOU JUST HOLD YOUR DOLLY! OKAY, BELOW, I'VE GOT HER!

NICE MAN'S GOT MY DOLLY FOR ME! BAD DOLLY FALL DOWN!

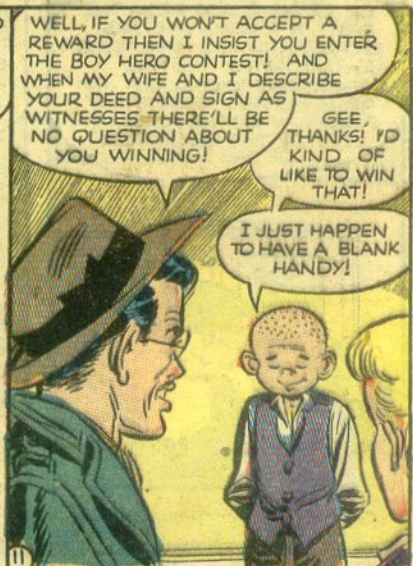


NICE GOING, SON! ONE MORE FOOT AND YOU'RE SAFE!



YOU'RE A HERO! YOU SAVED MY LITTLE BETTY! WHAT CAN WE DO TO REPAY YOU!

ANYONE WOULD HAVE DONE IT, MA'AM! I'M JUST GLAD NOTHING HAPPENED TO HER!



WELL, IF YOU WON'T ACCEPT A REWARD THEN I INSIST YOU ENTER THE BOY HERO CONTEST! AND WHEN MY WIFE AND I DESCRIBE YOUR DEED AND SIGN AS WITNESSES THERE'LL BE NO QUESTION ABOUT YOU WINNING!

GEE, THANKS! I'D KIND OF LIKE TO WIN THAT!

I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A BLANK HANDY!



ISN'T IT THE DARNEST THING, THE WAY WE'VE ALL DONE SOMETHING HEROIC— EXCEPT PEE WEE, OF COURSE! JOCK, I THINK YOU'LL WIN THE AWARD!

HECK, NO! EITHER YOU OR CURLY WILL! I DIDN'T REALLY RISK MY LIFE LIKE YOU DID!



THEN I THINK SCARECROW RATES IT! I WAS ONLY FIVE STORIES UP! HE WAS 2,000 FEET!

YOU GET KILLED JUST AS FAST FALLING FIVE STORIES AS 2,000 FEET— MAYBE FASTER!

WELL...IT LOOKS AS IF I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THE CROWD WHO'S NOT A HERO! YOU'LL EXCUSE ME IF I GO TAKE A WALK!



POOR PEE WEE! HE'S TRIED SO HARD TO BE A HERO! I WISH HE'D GET A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING! HE TAKES IT ALL SO SERIOUSLY!

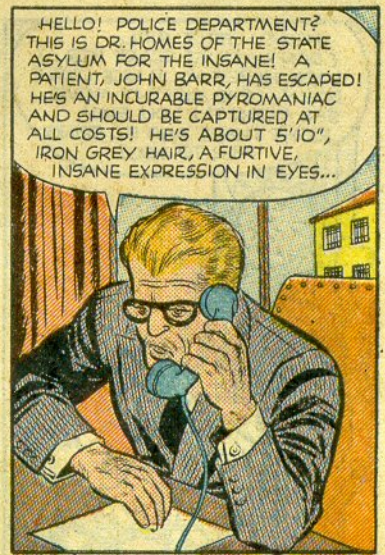
BUT IT JUST PROVES YOU CAN'T DECIDE TO BE ONE! IT JUST HAPPENS... AND WHEN IT DOES, YOU HAVEN'T TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT! YOU JUST DO ALL YOU CAN TO HELP WHO EVER IS IN TROUBLE!



IT'S FATE— THAT'S WHAT IT IS! I TRIED SO HARD TO BE A HERO AND I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE! GUESS I'M JUST A FLOP!



THAT POOR GUY MUST'VE RUN OUT OF GAS! BUT GEE, WHAT A GOOFY EXPRESSION ON HIS MUG! HE LOOKS LIKE THE CAT WHO JUST SWALLOWED THE MOUSE!



HELLO! POLICE DEPARTMENT? THIS IS DR. HOMES OF THE STATE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE! A PATIENT, JOHN BARR, HAS ESCAPED! HE'S AN INCURABLE PYROMANIAC AND SHOULD BE CAPTURED AT ALL COSTS! HE'S ABOUT 5'10", IRON GREY HAIR, A FURTIVE, INSANE EXPRESSION IN EYES...



COVER ALL ROADS FROM THE EAST! A PYROMANIAC HAS ESCAPED FROM THE STATE INSANE ASYLUM! NOTIFY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CALL OUT ITS RESERVES AND ISSUE EVERY POLICEMAN ON THE FORCE A COPY OF THIS DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN...

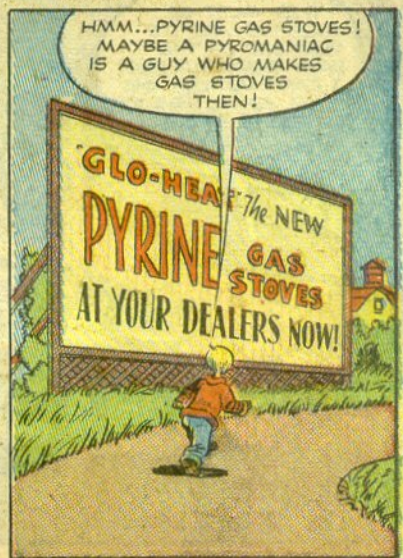


MY CAR RAN OUT OF GAS ABOUT TEN BLOCKS FROM HERE! CAN I GET ENOUGH GAS TO GET HER GOING SO I CAN DRIVE HERE AND GET FILLED UP?

YOU SURE CAN, MISTER! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?



THIS GAS WILL MAKE A PRETTY FIRE! I'LL FIND A FINE, BIG HOUSE TO BURN!





NICE, DRY WOOD! OH, WHEN THIS STARTS BURNING, IT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL-BEAUTIFUL! A WHOLE BIG BARN-ALL CRACKLING AND FLAMING!



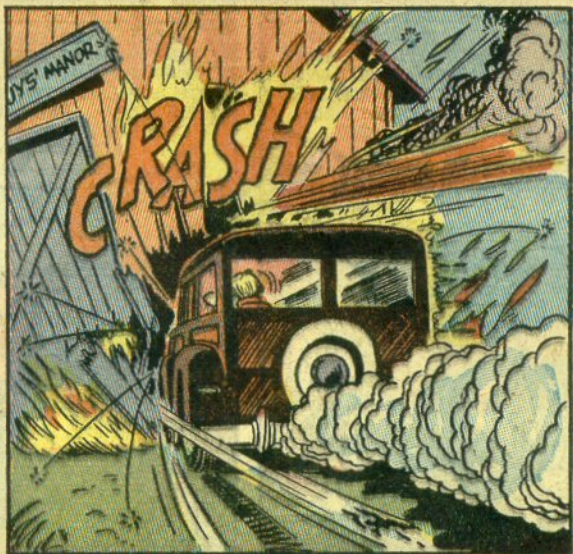
THIS TINY FLAME WILL SET THE WHOLE BARN ABLAZE! I MUST GO WHERE I CAN WATCH IT ALL! OH, DEAR, I HOPE THE FIRE ENGINES DON'T SPOIL IT!



JOCK! CURLY! SCARECROW! LET ME IN! WAKE UP! YOU'LL BE BURNED TO DEATH!



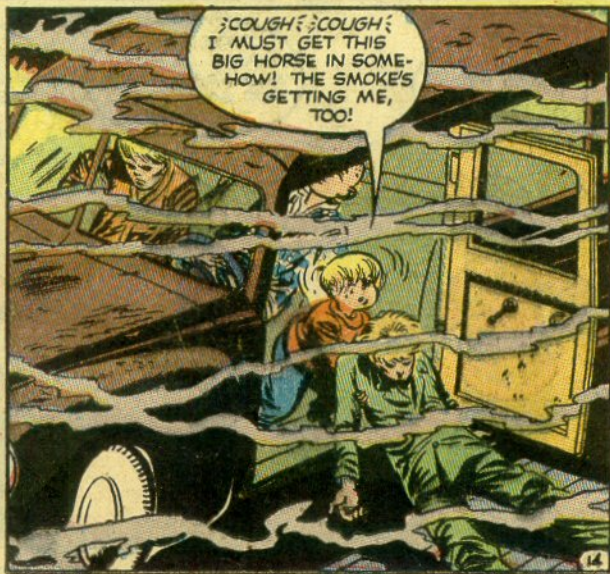
THEY MUST BE SLEEPING-AND IT'S THAT END OF THE BARN THAT'S BURNING! I CAN'T PUT OUT THE FIRE, SO I'LL HAVE TO GO IN AFTER THEM!



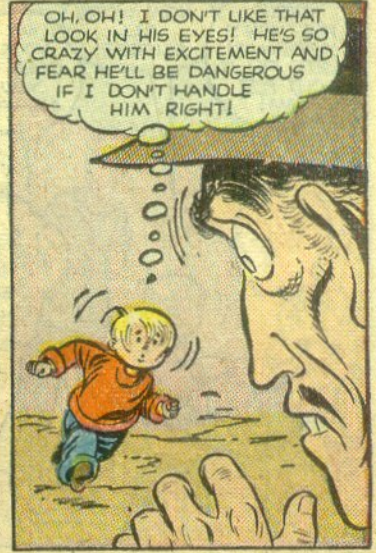
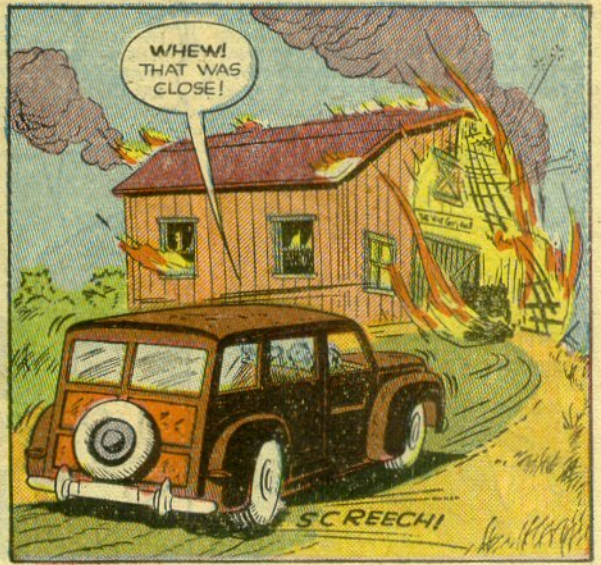
CRASH



GOSH-THEY'VE ALL BEEN OVERCOME BY THE SMOKE!



COUGH COUGH I MUST GET THIS BIG HORSE IN SOMEHOW! THE SMOKE'S GETTING ME, TOO!





GOSH—YOU'VE GOT IT NEARLY OUT! THAT'S SWELL! HERE'S THE GUY THAT STARTED IT! HE'S A...A... PYROMANIAC!

FOR THE LUVVA MIKE! THE KID CAUGHT THAT ESCAPED INMATE FROM THE ASYLUM SINGLEHANDED!



HE DID MORE THAN THAT! HE SMASHED HIS WAY INTO THE BARN IN THE CAR AND MANAGED TO HAUL ALL OF US OUT BESIDES! GEE, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU DID IT, PEE WEE!



WE OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, PEE WEE! WE'VE BEEN KIDDING YOU SO ABOUT TRYING TO BE A HERO—YOU REALLY ARE ONE! IF ANYONE DESERVES TO WIN THAT HERO CONTEST IT'S YOU!

HUH? OH, HECK, NO! I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT! I WASN'T TRYING TO BE A HERO! YOU'D HAVE DONE THE SAME THING!



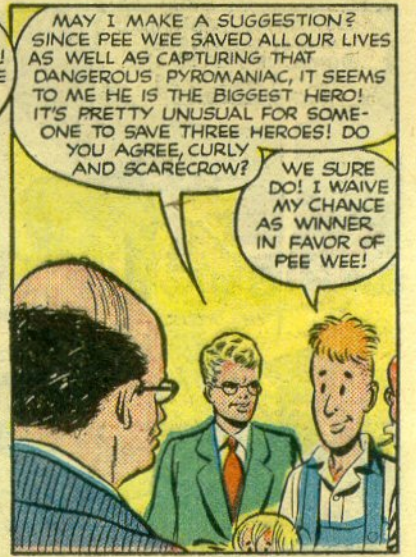
HERE'S PEE WEE'S AFFIDAVIT! LET'S FILL IT OUT FOR HIM!

NOW WE'RE ALL ELIGIBLE!

MY VOTE GOES TO YOU, PEE WEE!



AFTER READING OVER ALL THE ENTRIES WE HAVE CHOSEN YOU FOUR BOYS AS THE FINALISTS! NOW, OUR PROBLEM IS TO CHOOSE ONE OF YOU AS THE HERO, AND IT'S A HARD DECISION TO MAKE!



MAY I MAKE A SUGGESTION? SINCE PEE WEE SAVED ALL OUR LIVES AS WELL AS CAPTURING THAT DANGEROUS PYROMANIAC, IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS THE BIGGEST HERO! IT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE TO SAVE THREE HEROES! DO YOU AGREE, CURLY AND SCARECROW?

WE SURE DO! I WAIVE MY CHANCE AS WINNER IN FAVOR OF PEE WEE!



PEE WEE, SINCE ALL THE FINALISTS WANT YOU TO WIN, AND THEIR ARGUMENTS ARE VERY SOUND, I HEREBY DECLARE YOU THE HERO OF HEROES AND WINNER OF ALL THE PRIZES!

G...GOLLY! IMAGINE IT! ME—THE WINNER! THANK YOU! THERE'S JUST ONE THING—CAN I PLEASE SELL THE PRIZES SO WE'LL HAVE MONEY TO GET THE BARN REPAIRED!



PEE WEE! BUT YOU WANTED THOSE PRIZES! I REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY YOU SAW THEM!

THE BARN—AND ALL OF US LIVING TOGETHER COUNTS FOR A MILLION TIMES AS MUCH AS THE PRIZES! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

YOU CAN HAVE IT YOUR WAY, PEE WEE, AND YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF PRIZES LEFT OVER!

THE END

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FAR OUT IN THE RUGGED NORTHWEST WILDERNESS IN A WILD AND INACCESSIBLE CANYON SELDOM SEEN BY MAN, POGA, A YOUNG BLACK BEAR ORPHAN, COMES OUT AFTER HIS LONG WINTER SLEEP!

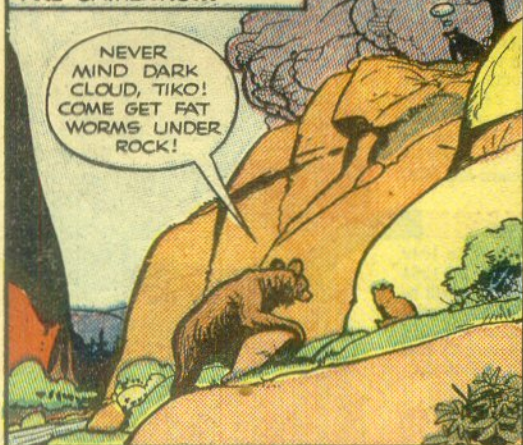


POGA HUNGRY!
AND POGA VERY LONELY!

EVER SINCE HUNTERS KILL POGA'S BROTHERS, POGA LIVE AND HUNT ALONE! NOBODY LIKES BLACK BEAR... ALL AFRAID... NO GOOD!



LATER, LONESOME POGA WATCHES ENVIOUSLY AS A BROWN MOTHER BEAR GETS FOOD FOR HER CUB—MEANWHILE, DARK CLOUDS ARE GATHERING...



NEVER MIND DARK CLOUD, TIKO!
COME GET FAT WORMS UNDER ROCK!

CINNAMON BEAR GOT CUB FOR COMPANY—GOOD!

SUDDENLY, AND WITH TERRIFIC FURY, THE STORM BREAKS...



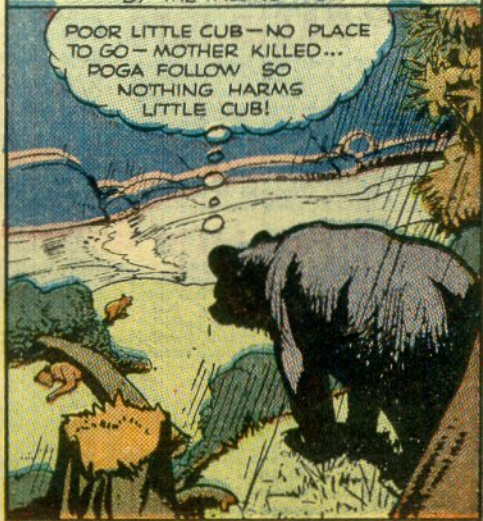
CRACK!

TIKO RUN!
QUICK!

THE PRICE OF HEROISM IS SOMETIMES DEATH, EVEN IN ANIMAL KINGDOM!

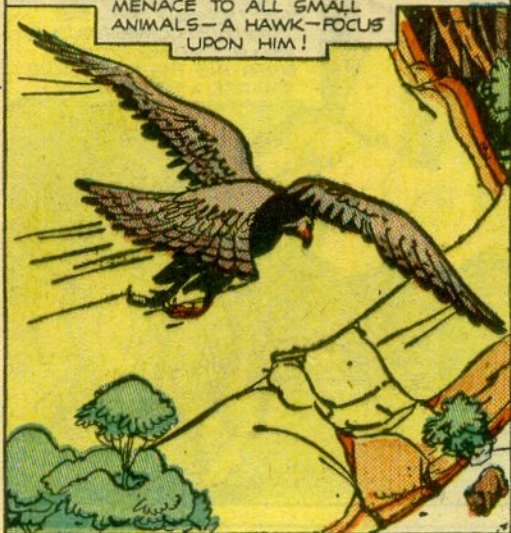


THE MOTHER BEAR WAS KILLED INSTANTLY BY THE FALLING TREE!



POOR LITTLE CUB—NO PLACE TO GO—MOTHER KILLED...
POGA FOLLOW SO NOTHING HARMS LITTLE CUB!

LITTLE ORPHANED TIKO, HEARTSICK AND FRIGHTENED, WANDERS AIMLESSLY! TWO UNFRIENDLY EYES BELONGING TO THAT DEADLY MENACE TO ALL SMALL ANIMALS—A HAWK—FOCUS UPON HIM!



BUT TWO FRIENDLY EYES ARE ALSO UPON TIKO AS THE POWERFUL BIRD OF PREY SWOOPS FOR THE KILL!



SWIFT IS THE HAWK— BUT SWIFT ALSO IS AN ANGRY BEAR!



BEFORE TIKO'S VICIOUS ENEMY CAN GET AWAY A LIGHTNING BLOW FROM POGA SEVERS A CRUEL CLAW AND THE TERRIFIED CUB FALLS UNHARMED!



MOURNFULLY, BUT GRATEFUL, LITTLE TIKO FOLLOWS HIS DELIVERER HOME!

TIKO IS WELCOME— POGA IS LONELY AS LITTLE CINNAMON CUB... TIKO AND POGA NOW BROTHERS!

TIKO NEVER SAW A BLACK BEAR BEFORE!



FOR TWO YEARS POGA AND TIKO ROAM THE WILD REGION TOGETHER! POGA TEACHES TIKO TO HUNT AND FISH WHILE TIKO GROWS BIGGER THAN POGA! NEVER DOES THE CINNAMON TIKO FORGET THAT HE OWES HIS VERY LIFE TO POGA— AND ALWAYS HE LONGS FOR A CHANCE TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE... TILL ONE DAY...

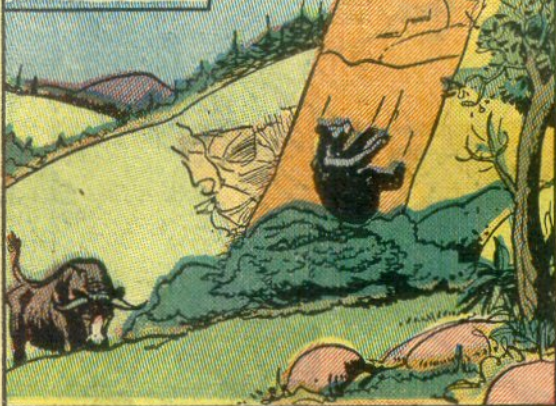
HOLLOW TREE, TIKO! MAYBE BEE TREE... HONEY INSIDE! COME, YOUNG ONE!

POGA OLDER BUT MORE FOOLISH! BEE BUILD HIGH— AND POGA TOO CLOSE TO CLIFF! LOOK OUT! ROTTEN TREE BREAKING!



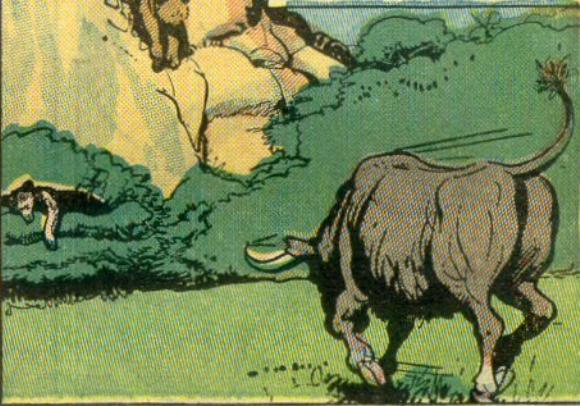
THE ROTTEN LOG DOES BREAK. POGA TOPPLES OVER THE CLIFF AND HURTTLES DOWN... STARTLING A BIG BULL INTO INSTANT RANGE!

POGA, TIKO'S FRIEND AND BROTHER, WILL BE KILLED!

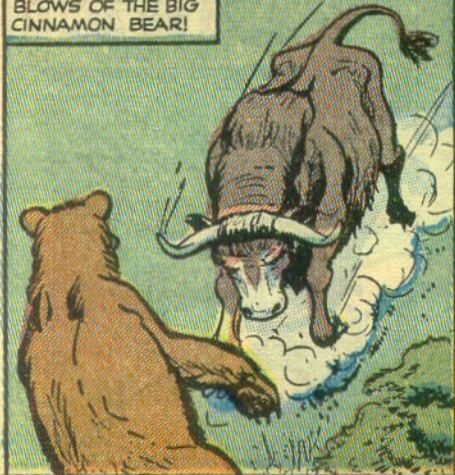


NOW TIKO CAN FIGHT AND MAYBE DIE FOR POGA!

IN A FLASH TIKO REMEMBERS HOW POGA SAVED HIM FROM A HORRIBLE DEATH...AND THE NEXT MOMENT THE BIG CINNAMON COMES ROLLING AND BOUNDING DOWN... DIVERTING THE MAD BULL'S CHARGE... TO HIMSELF!



LONG AND TERRIBLE THE FIGHT RAGES BETWEEN THE RENDING, RIPPING HORNS OF THE HUGE CHARGING BULL AND THE SLEDGE-HAMMER BLOWS OF THE BIG CINNAMON BEAR!



...TILL FINALLY TIKO, AVOIDING A VICIOUS CHARGE, SWINGS ONE HUGE PAW WITH TERRIFIC FORCE AND THE MONSTER BULL FALLS DEAD WITH A BROKEN NECK!



TIKO, WITH ALMOST HUMAN TENDERNESS, HELPS POGA, HELPLESS FROM A WRENCHED BACK, OUT OF THE ENTANGLING JUNIPER BUSH...

BUT FOR TIKO, POGA DEAD!

TWO SUMMER PASSED SINCE POGA SAVE TIKO FROM EAGLE CLAW... TIKO WAIT LONG TO REPAY!



SHOULD ANYONE DOUBT THIS HEARTENING STORY, ASK ANY OF THE FEW INTREPID HUNTERS WHO HAVE BRAVED THE WILD VASTNESS OF 'TWO-BEAR CANYON' IN THE BITTER-ROOT RANGE OF MONTANA... THEY WILL TELL OF THE BIG BLACK BEAR AND THE BIGGER CINNAMON THAT ROAM THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS... HARMING NO ONE IF UNPROVOKED, BUT EACH A DEMON OF FURY IF DANGER THREATENS HIS FRIEND!



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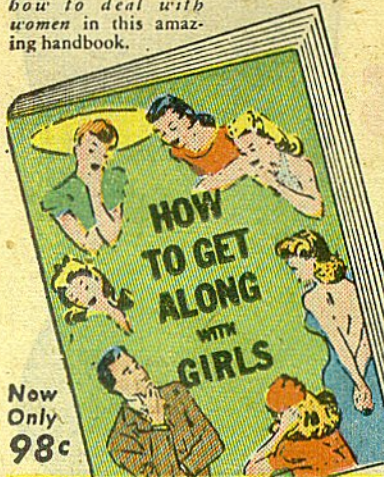
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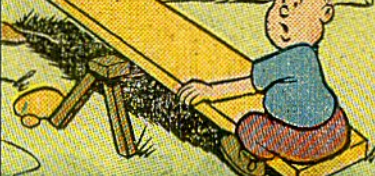
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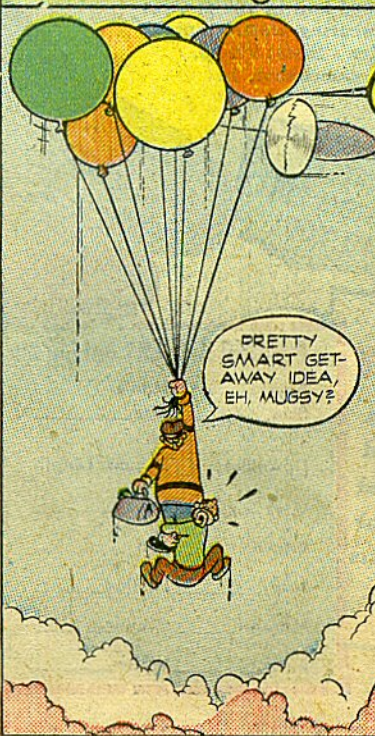
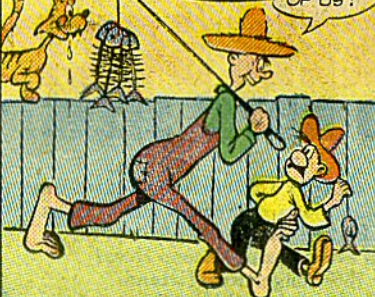
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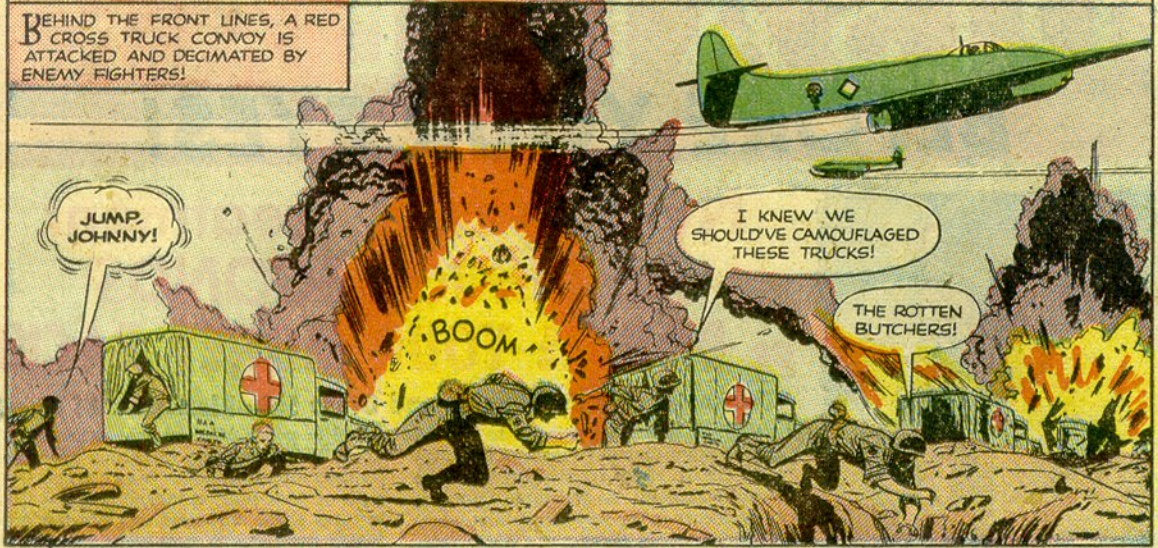
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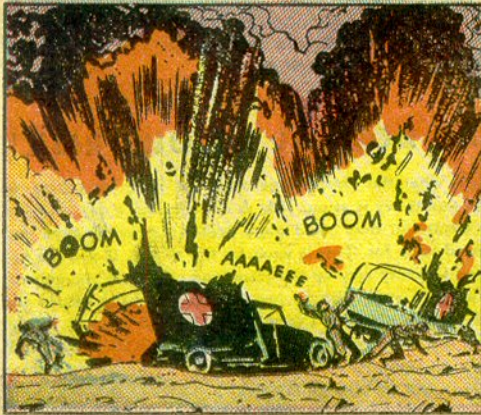
BEHIND THE FRONT LINES, A RED CROSS TRUCK CONVOY IS ATTACKED AND DECIMATED BY ENEMY FIGHTERS!



JUMP, JOHNNY!

I KNEW WE SHOULD'VE CAMOUFLAGED THESE TRUCKS!

THE ROTTEN BUTCHERS!



THIS MAKES THE THIRD CARAVAN OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES THEY'VE ATTACKED THIS WEEK!

YEAH, THEY SURE... LOOK! SOMETHING JUST DROPPED FROM THE LEAD PLANE!

WHAT IS IT, BOB?

LOOKS LIKE A... ROLLED UP PIECE OF PAPER! I CAN REACH IT, I THINK! MUST BE WEIGHTED INSIDE!



IT'S THE SAME GUY THAT PULLED ALL THOSE OTHER RAIDS! HE DROPS ONE OF THESE MEMENTOS EACH TIME!

THE LOUSY...

THAT'S REALLY DIRTY FIGHTING, BOMBING THOSE AMBULANCES!

YEAH! THEM KIDS AT THE FRONT LINES REALLY NEED THOSE SUPPLIES IN THE WORST WAY, TOO! HEY, MURTAGH, DOESN'T ANY RECONNAISSANCE HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THE LEADER OF THAT SQUADRON IS?

NOPE! JUST THE INITIAL "R" ON THAT MEMENTO HE ALWAYS DROPS!

WHAT A PRIZE INSULT THAT THING IS! WOULDN'T I LOVE TO GET THAT STINKER ALONE FOR FIVE MINUTES! THAT'S ALL I ASK!

WONDER WHERE HE OPERATES FROM... ANYWAY! NOBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO INTERCEPT HIM YET! HE SHOWS UP OUT OF NOWHERE!



GET A LOAD OF THIS! IT'S AN ENEMY SATELLITE NEWSPAPER—DATED LAST THURSDAY! ONE OF THE NATIVES JUST SMUGGLED IT IN! LORD KNOWS HOW HE GOT IT, BUT...



...THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT! IT'S GOT AN ACCOUNT OF THAT RAID LAST WEEK ON THOSE SIX AMBULANCES, WHEN ALL THE MEDICOS WERE KILLED! OH, THEY WRITE IT UP BIG! THEY GIVE A LOT OF SPACE TO THAT MOMENTUM-MAD LEADER, AND NOT ONLY THAT! THEY RUN A PICTURE OF THE GUY!



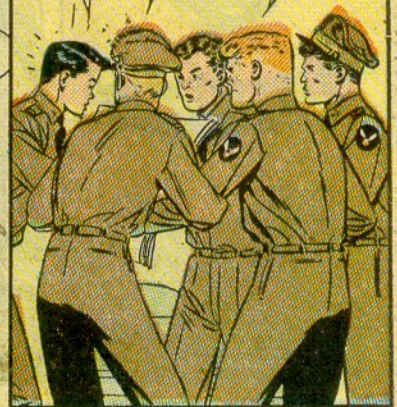
THEY DO?

WHAT? LET'S SEE!

HO-LY SMOKE!! I KNOW THAT SLOB!

WHAT? MURTAGH, ARE YOU NUTS?!

HOW COULD YOU KNOW HIM, TOMMY?!



THAT TOMMY'S SCREWY, I TELL YA! HE YELLS, "I KNOW HIM" AN RUSHES OUT LIKE A HORSE THIEF!

HE WENT TO HIS LOCKER... HEY, HERE HE COMES BACK!

I KNEW HIM BACK AT BARDOLPH FIELD! WAIT A MINUTE! YEAH, HERE IT IS!



SEE HIM, HOT ROCK? BACK ROW...THE LEFT! HIS NAME'S RATNIK! YEAH, THAT'S HIM, YUSOF RATNIK! THERE WERE SEVEN OR EIGHT EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM OVERSEAS THAT YEAR! THEY WERE OKAY, TOO! BUT THIS CRUMB...



RATNIK... RATNIK... YEP! THE NAME CHECKS, ALL RIGHT!



ALL THOSE AMBULANCES AN' DOCTORS...HE ALWAYS HAD A VICIOUS STREAK, THE SKUNK! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO GET MY HANDS ON HIM!

I GOT AN IDEA...



YEAH, AL, THERE'S A LITTLE...ER...WELL THERE'S 'SOMETHIN' IN THE ENGINE THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT! IT'S A SORT OF A...LET ME TAKE HER UP AN' CIRCLE A COUPLE OF TIMES! I'LL PUT MY FINGER ON IT!



O-KAY, TOMMY...HEY!! HELP ME WHEEL OUT NUMBER 4!

RRRROOOOAAAAARRR!



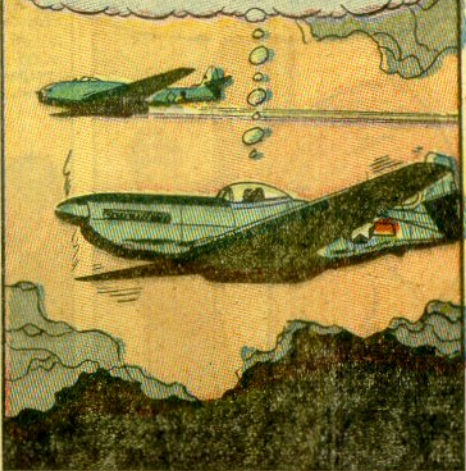
I'LL CATCH THE DICKENS FOR TAILING OFF LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S WORTH THE CHANCE!



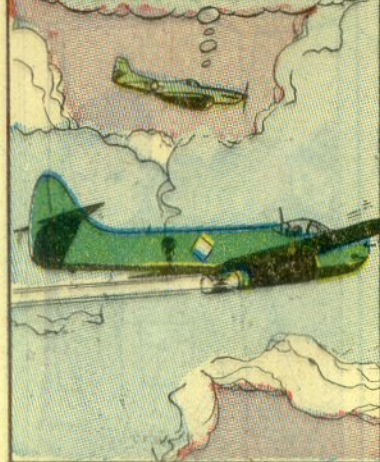
NOT TOO MUCH FUEL LEFT... BEEN OUT QUITE A WHILE... BETTER HEAD BA... WHAT'S THAT?



IT'S HIS PLANE, ALL RIGHT—WITH THE BLACK SKULL! LET'S SEE IF HE RECOGNIZES THIS SIGNAL! FIRST, THE LEFT WING... SIDEDIP... THEN DIP THE RIGHT WING TWICE!



YEP! HE KNOWS IT! THAT'S STRICTLY A BARDOLPH FIELD MANEUVER! WELL, HERE GOES! I'M GLAD AL DIDN'T SPOT ME CHECKING THE AMMUNITION BEFORE TAKING OFF!



BOOM!
BOOM!
BAM!
RAT TAT!

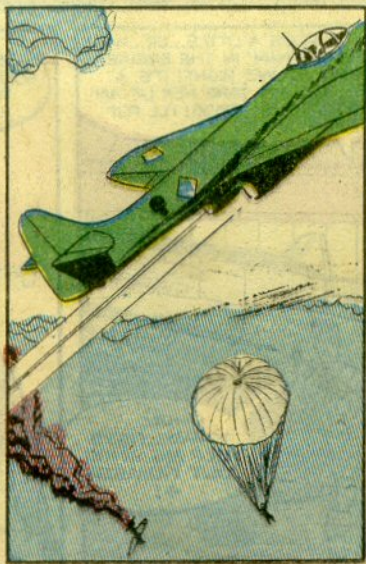
I MISSED— HIM! NOW I'LL HAVE TO LOOP UP AND GET OUT OF HIS RANGE!



CAN'T SHAKE HIM OFF MY TAIL... HAVEN'T GOT THE MANEUVERABILITY! MY RUDDER'S SHOT! OH, OH— HE GOT MY FUEL TANK! GOTTA HIT THE SILK!

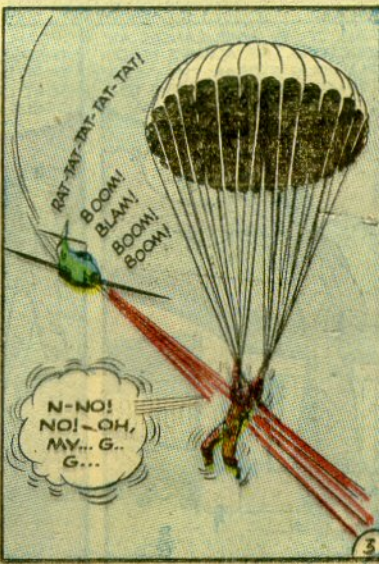


NOW I'M IN A SPOT! NO PLANE— AND OVER ENEMY TERRITORY!



RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
BOOM!
BLAM!
BOOM!

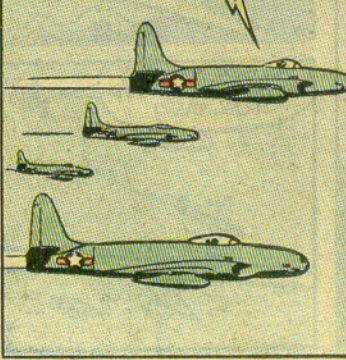
N-NO!
NO!—OH,
MY... G...
G...



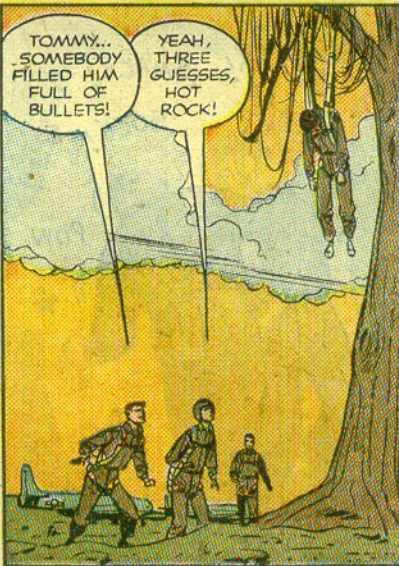
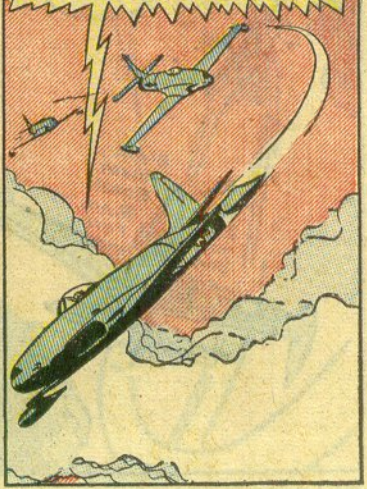
...SO, INSTEAD OF JUST CIRCLING THE FIELD, HE HEADED OFF TO THE NORTH AND HASN'T COME BACK YET! AL DIDN'T REPORT IT RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET TOMMY IN A JAM, BUT NOW HE FIGURES HE MAY HAVE RUN INTO TROUBLE! I JUST SAW THE OLD MAN, AND HE SAID, OKAY, GO FIND HIM!



EVERY MAN'S ON HIS OWN! KEEP ONE EYE ON THE GROUND! HE MAY BE DOWN SOMEWHERE! IN FACT, HE MUST BE! HIS FUEL COULDN'T LAST THIS LONG! IF YOU SPOT ANYTHING, MOVE ON DOWN FOR A CLOSER LOOK, BUT USE CAUTION! THERE MAY BE ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS HIDDEN THROUGH HERE!



LOOKS LIKE A CRACK-UP DOWN THERE...AND SOMETHING WHITE IN THOSE TREES! LET'S GO DOWN!



TOMMY... SOMEBODY FILLED HIM FULL OF BULLETS!

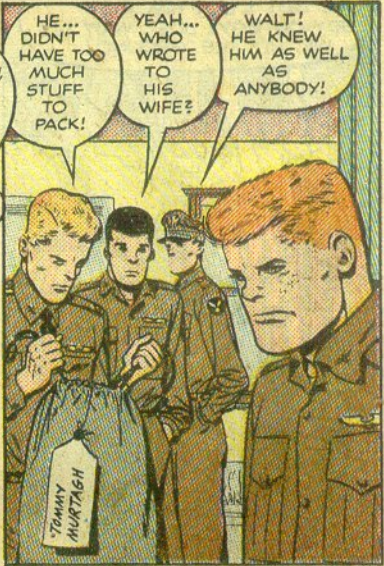
YEAH, THREE GUESSES, HOT ROCK!

NEXT DAY, BACK AT THE BASE...

I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND! THAT KID HANGIN' THERE! THE DIRTY...ROTTEN...MURDERING...

YEAH, HOT ROCK! WE KNOW, BUT DON'T FORGET WHAT THE COLONEL SAID ABOUT DOIN' ANYTHING RASH!

EASY DOES IT, HOT ROCK!



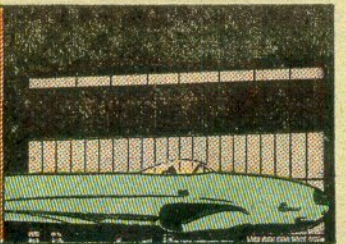
HE... DIDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH STUFF TO PACK!

YEAH... WHO WROTE TO HIS WIFE?

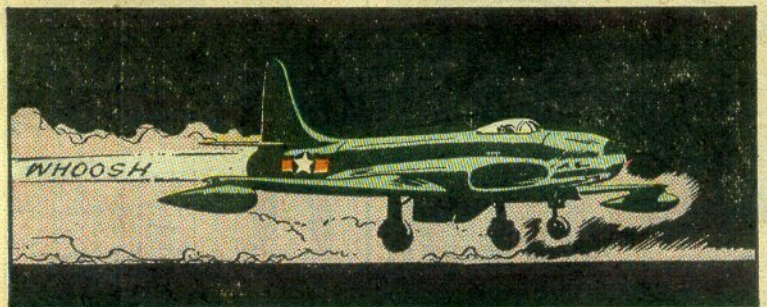
WALT! HE KNEW HIM AS WELL AS ANYBODY!

LATE THAT NIGHT, JUST BEFORE DAWN...

I HEAR HE GOES OUT ABOUT THIS TIME! THE OLD MAN'LL HAVE MY HIDE FOR THIS!



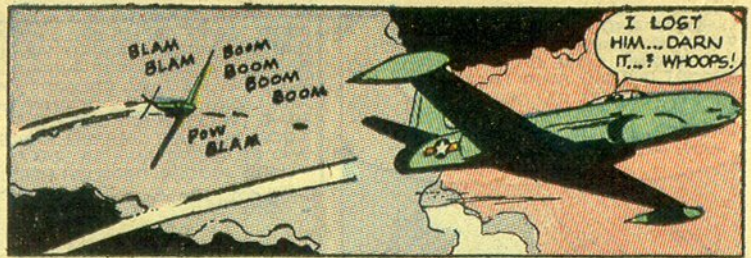
THERE'S A PLANE NOW! IT MUST BE THAT SCUM! IT'S GOT TO BE! IT'S GOT TO BE!



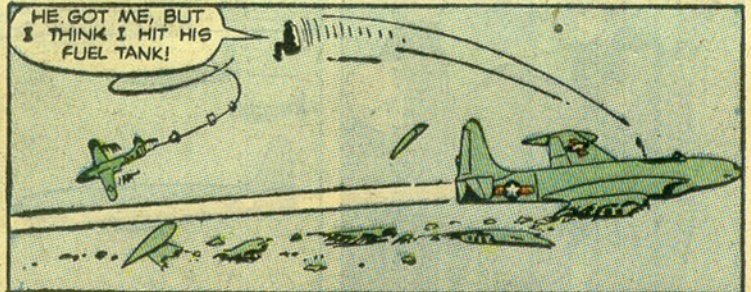


IT IS!
START PRAYIN'
YOU...

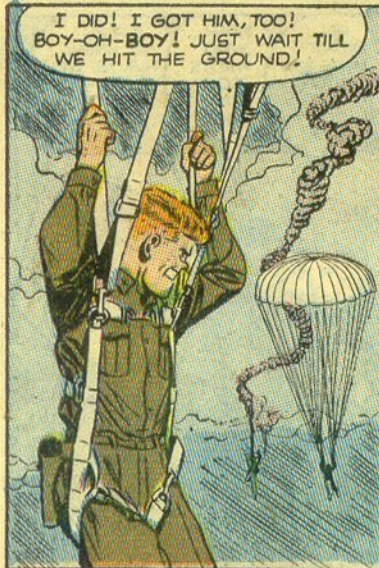
BLAM
BOOM
BOOM
BLAM
POW
POW



I LOST
HIM... DARN
IT... WHOOPS!



HE GOT ME, BUT
I THINK I HIT HIS
FUEL TANK!



I DID! I GOT HIM, TOO!
BOY-OH-BOY! JUST WAIT TILL
WE HIT THE GROUND!



NOW,
YOU
SKUNK!



CRACK!
SMACK!
SOCK!
POW

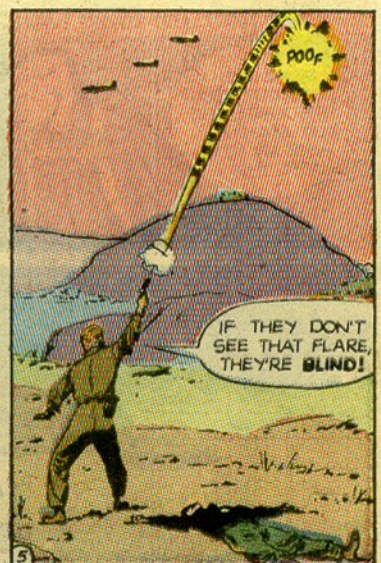


WHAM!



COME TO! COME TO, YOU CRUMB,
SO I CAN SOCK YOU, AGAIN...?

PLANES! THEY'RE
OURS!



IF THEY DON'T
SEE THAT FLARE,
THEY'RE BLIND!

POOF



THAT FLARE MUST BE HOT ROCKS!

WHOO! THIS CRUMB-BUM'S STARTING TO COME TO!



WHERE'D THOSE MONKEY'S COME FROM?

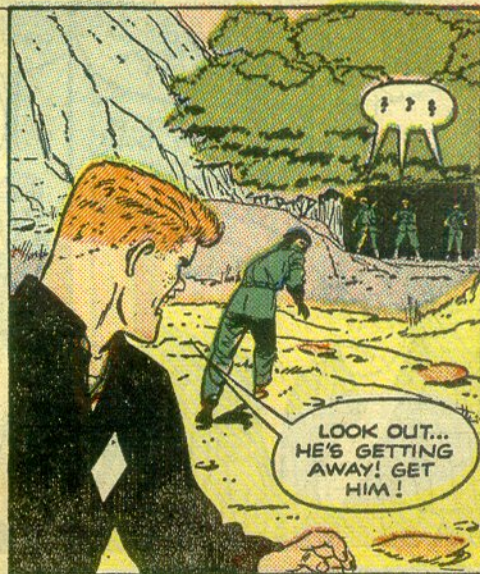


THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED US YET! THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE! OKAY, OFF WITH THE JACKET, SKUNK!



FLANAGAN! HEY, HOT ROCK!

RUN, YOU...



LOOK OUT... HE'S GETTING AWAY! GET HIM!



HOLD YOUR FIRE, YOU IDIOTS! I'M RATNIK! THAT YANKEE SWINE IS ESCAPING!

HURRY UP, HOT ROCK!



HIYA, HOT ROCK! THE COLONEL WANTS TO SEE YOU!

YEAH? I'LL BET!



LATER BACK AT THE BASE...

AN' BOY, DO I WANT TO SEE HIM! HAVE I GOT NEWS!

FLANAGAN, I WARNED YOU PLANE JOCKEYS NOT TO DO ANYTHING RASH! AND YOU TURN AROUND AND DELIBERATELY DISOBEY MY ORDERS! IF THERE'S ONE THING I WON'T TOLERATE, IT'S...

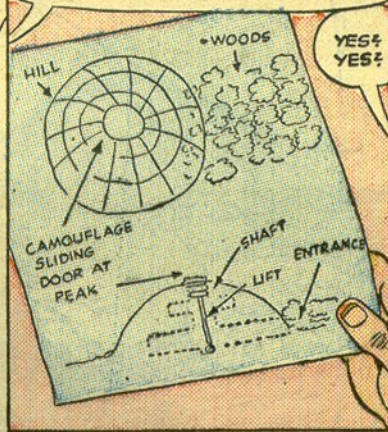
YES, SIR, COLONEL, BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING! I THINK I'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET AIR BASE THOSE GUYS HAVE BEEN USING!



YOU WHAT? YES, SIR! MY GUESS IS THAT THERE'S AN AIR BASE CONCEALED UNDER THAT HILL I HAD TO BAIL OUT OVER! THE GROUND AT THE FOOT IS WOODED FOR MILES TO THE NORTHEAST! IT MAKES A PERFECT NATURAL SCREEN FOR PLANE TRANSPORT WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED FROM THE AIR!



WHEN THE DISMANTLED PLANES ARRIVE BY TRUCK AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL THEY MUST OPEN A CAMOUFLAGED DOOR, AND THE TRUCKS ROLL IN! ONCE INSIDE THE HILL, THEY REASSEMBLE THE PLANES...



...A HYDRAULIC LIFT TAKES THE PLANES UP A SHAFT TO THE PEAK, WHICH ALSO SLIDES OPEN, AN THEY TAKE OFF BY CATAPULT! NO WONDER OUR RECONNAISSANCE PLANES COULDN'T FIND THEM!

BY GAD, HOT ROCK, IF YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THIS...

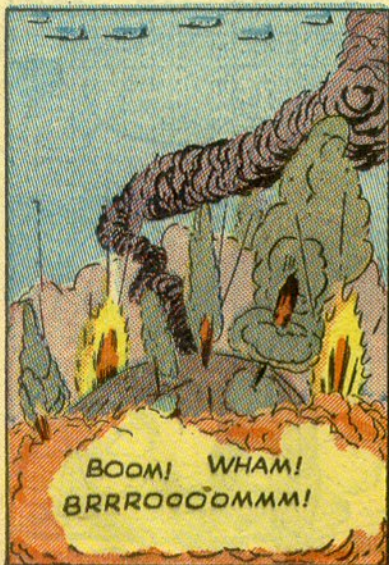
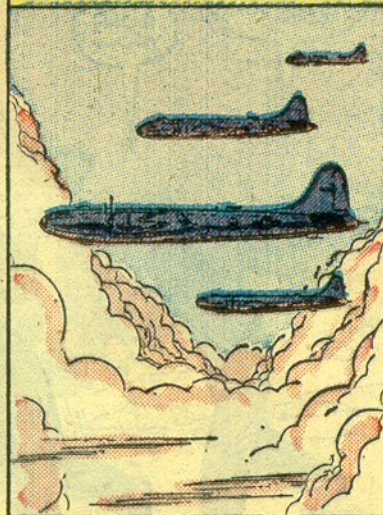


I'M SURE OF IT, COLONEL! BEING ON THE GROUND, I COULD SEE QUITE A BIT OF CAMOUFLAGE WIRE NETTING!

YES! YES! I WANT A DETACHMENT OF HEAVY BOMBERS TO ERASE A HILL... WHAT?... OF COURSE I'M SERIOUS, YOU...

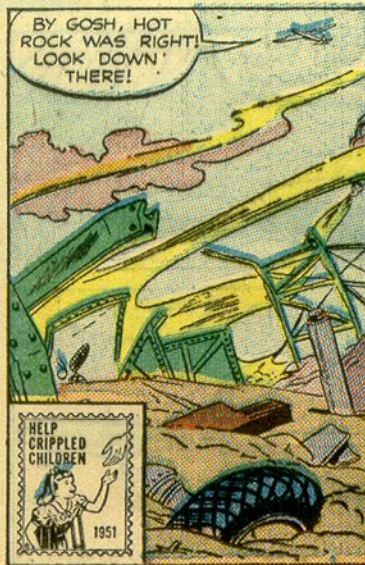


AND "OPERATION TOMMY MURTAGH" ROARS TO THE DESTINATION!



BOOM! WHAM!
BRRROOOOMMM!

BY GOSH, HOT ROCK WAS RIGHT! LOOK DOWN THERE!

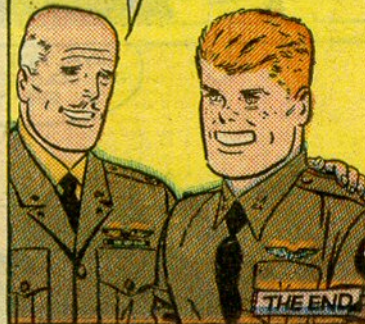


AS YOUR COLONEL, I MUST REPRIMAND YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID, BUT AS A MAN I GIVE YOU CREDIT!

WHAT IS MY PUNISHMENT, SIR?

WELL, I HAD YOU DOWN FOR A TWO WEEKS PASS, BUT YOU'LL ONLY GET ONE!

GEE, THANKS, COLONEL!



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68. Men's Ring—flashing extra large simulated diamond. White or yellow gold color effect.



66. Men's Ring—flashing simulated diamond—smaller stone on each side. White or yellow gold color effect.



73. Ladies' Cameo Ring. Yellow gold color effect.



44. Men's Wedding Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.



39. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. 3 sparkling simulated diamonds. White gold color effect.



53. Egyptian Ring design. Very odd.



64. Men's simulated large square cut ruby, also assorted colored stones. Yellow gold color effect.



74. Men's Ring—brilliant simulated diamond. Yellow gold color effect. Gypsy setting.



38. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Center stone is genuine diamond chip. Solid sterling silver mounting.



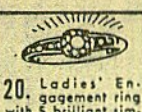
23. Ladies' Engagement Ring, exceptionally brilliant simulated diamond. Tiffany Style setting. White or yellow gold color effect.



33. Large Ladies' Ring. Simulated diamond—2 smaller sized stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



58. Indian Head Ring. Head is stamped in gold leaf.



20. Ladies' Engagement ring with 5 brilliant simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect.



57. Hand Carved Ring—Indian Head.



70. Men's Ring—fine simulated diamond. Yellow gold color effect.



10. Child's Signet Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect or Sterling Silver.



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60. Ladies' Engagement Ring set with large center simulated diamond and small stones on sides. Yellow gold color effect.



18. Ladies' Birthstone Ring. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver. Give month of birth for proper stone color.



67. Men's Ring—large brilliant simulated white diamond. White gold color effect.



12. Men's Ring with simulated diamond in square mounting. Yellow or white gold color effect.



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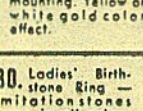
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25. Ladies' Plain Wedding Band. Yellow or white gold color effect, or sterling silver.



30. Ladies' Birthstone Ring—imitation stones come in all colors. Sterling Silver mounting (Stamp in Ring). State color or stone desired.



61. Ladies' Engagement Ring with 5 large brilliant simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect.



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11. Wedding Ring. Raised floral design. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver.



71. Ladies' Engagement ring. White gold color effect. Tiffany setting. Large single stone.



76. Ladies' Ring. Yellow gold color effect. (Fancy Design. Large single stone).



59. Wedding Ring—beautifully chased. Yellow or white gold color effect or solid sterling silver.



48. Wedding Band with sparkling simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver.



41. Ladies' Solitaire Ring with large center simulated diamond and smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



45. Corozo Nut Ring. Hand Carved. Set with simulated pearl. (Comes in various designs.)



77. Ladies' Engagement Ring. Simulated diamond with smaller stone on each side. White gold color effect.



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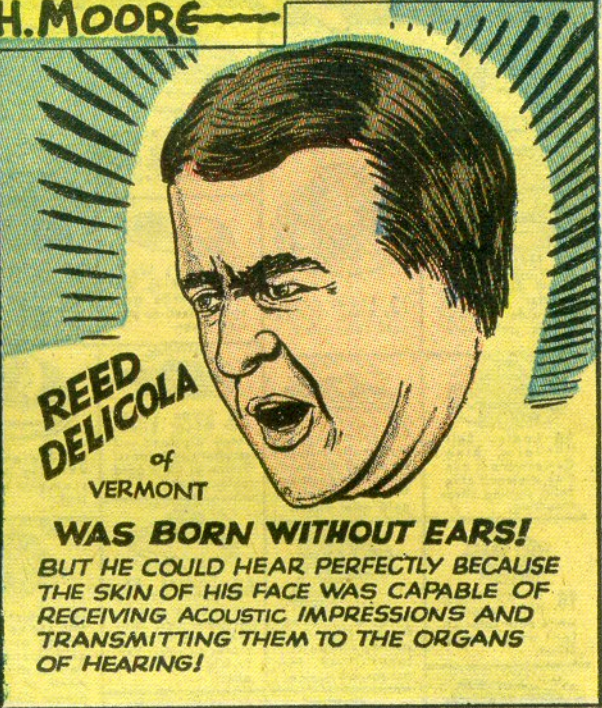
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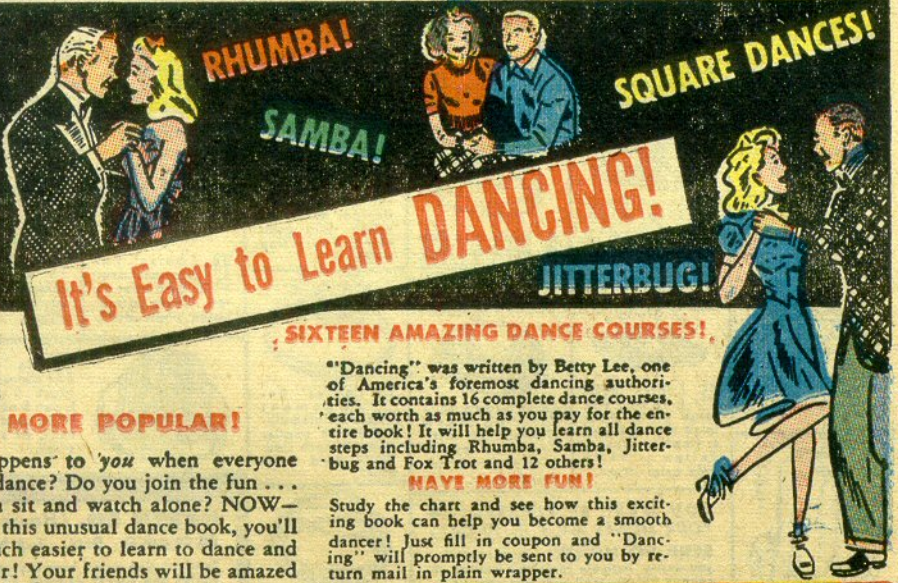
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HE FIDDLED WHILE JEROME BURNED

CRIMEBUSTER had always been interested in Phil Hardy. Hardy was scarcely the right name for a boy so frail, for a boy who had suffered such a long illness in childhood. Yet Hardy was a good name for him, when you considered his long pull back to normalcy and the will with which he faced his classmates who were stronger and unwittingly cruel about his health. Phil was a slight boy with a shock of unruly straw colored hair. He had big blue eyes which shone expressively through his glasses.

Crimebuster sat in the school auditorium and mused about Phil. He was here today to witness Phil's debut before an audience. Phil had practiced on his violin diligently, yet still felt unprepared to enter the contest.

Phil had always had an ear for music. After his illness, with the encouragement of Crimebuster, he longed to develop his latent talent. Because he was unable to participate in sports and strenuous activities he was determined to find the proper outlet for his energy.

Few, aside from Crimebuster, had known for all these years that Phil had taken up the violin. Of course, Phil's parents and his teacher knew, but Phil had not been ready to mention it around school. At first he had approached his lessons with little thought as to the opinions of others. One day, in fact, the first day he took a lesson, he carried his violin to school. That was the first and last time.

After school, that day of his first lesson, violin case in hand, Phil walked by a vacant lot where some of the boys were practicing football. Jerome Davis, the biggest of the boys, was the best player. Phil watched him, not without envy, but at the same time with great admiration for his athletic prowess. Jerome could barrel through the opposing line like a young bull and leave the others stunned. Phil could not help but cheer him on as he stood watching the game. As Phil cheered, Jerome finally noticed him, watching from the sidelines.

"Listen to fancy-pants," jeered Jerome. "Look at that fiddle, will you? If he tried to play football he'd trip over that long hair!"

All of the boys laughed at the poor joke and

Phil, hurt and without retort, turned his back and walked away. Never again did he carry his violin to school.

Jerome became the athletic hero of the school. He was the star football player, the ace at basketball; no one was his equal. Jerome, though the hero of the school was not really popular. His popularity had grown because the other boys feared him. He was strong and he was a leader, that is, if the others didn't follow they would be very sorry. Jerome seemed to need someone to pick on, to jeer at. He always chose someone weaker than himself; consequently his jeers often turned to Phil. Phil took the snide remarks well, usually by ignoring them outwardly. However there was a deep inner hurt that he'd learned to hide. Phil learned to express himself through his music, realizing that any counterplay in the face of Jerome or the other boys at school would be of no avail.

Not that Phil didn't try to approach Jerome by friendliness many times, but the remarks he received finally made him stop trying. The last attempt he made was only a few months ago when the team was setting off to a neighboring town for a football game. Phil approached Jerome, held out his hand and said, "Good luck, Jerome. We all expect a victory."

Jerome refused his hand, laughed and retorted, "Expect a victory! You're a big help sitting back and *expecting* a victory. You remember what they said about Nero? He fiddled while Rome burned. Ha! Ha! That's you!"

At that he looked around to see how his audience responded to his "witty" remarks and of course, they laughed and thought he was great, afraid to do otherwise.

Phil swallowed his pride and left but was determined never to try again. He concentrated even harder on his music, learned fast and found it a great release.

A few days ago, as Crimebuster was talking to Looover, Phil walked into the office. His blue eyes were burning with excitement, his straw blond hair was tousled and he was breathless as he spoke.

"C.B.," he said excitedly, "today at school they

announced tryouts for the State Music Festival. Winners from here will go to the State Festival, and the final winner there will be given a scholarship to a leading musical college."

"Well," answered Crimebuster, "what's holding you back? You are going to enter, aren't you?"

"Oh, C.B.," he answered, "I want to but you know, the same old fear. I've taken so much ribbing from Jerome, that this would be the final blow. I've tried to ignore it, I've tried to overcome it, but as you know I can't. It's a constant thorn in my side. If I enter the contest, if I lose, or even if I win he'll ride me."

"I understand," answered Crimebuster. "But, regardless of the consequences this is something you must do."

"I will, C.B., I must," solemnly answered Phil, a determined look in his eye.

All these thoughts came back to Crimebuster as he sat waiting for the contest to start. While he watched the students file in he recalled having seen Jerome standing in the hall. Jerome was surrounded by his usual admirers talking in a loud voice. Crimebuster overheard him say, "A music contest. Isn't that *too* sweet. Come on boys, let's all get in the act. Joe, you warble in your most soothing soprano and I'll accompany you on my harp. Maybe Jim and Bob will put on their special little piccolo duet. Ha! ha! I think I'll ditch assembly today. I can't put up with this silly stuff."

Crimebuster noticed now that in spite of all Jerome's loud talking, he was sitting in assembly with the rest of his class. He looked bored and restless as if he could hardly endure such torture.

The curtains opened and the principal stepped on stage announcing the objectives of the contest and named the judges: school, local and state musicians and teachers. The first contestant was announced, the audience courteously quieted down and courteously listened. A girl with a sweet but untrained soprano voice sang. While she was singing, Crimebuster overheard Jerome say as he switched around in his seat and spoke to the boy beside him, "Isn't this touching?"

Pianists, cellists, flutist and even a bass fiddler appeared during the course of the contest. At last, the principal came forward and announced, with a knowing twinkle in his eye, that an unknown contestant would now appear. He was not really unknown as everyone knew him but

very few knew that he played the violin or if they knew, they didn't know he played so well.

Phil appeared nervously before the audience, a shock of blond hair falling over his forehead. Crimebuster swallowed a lump in his throat and silently wished Phil's nervousness would vanish. Again Crimebuster heard Jerome address his companion in a harsh whisper, "Well, if it isn't four eyes. I can't wait!"

Phil lifted his violin under his chin and drew his bow. There was a silence in the audience as the first dulcet sound came from the instrument. At the moment of the first note, Phil's nervousness disappeared. He lost himself in the music; he gave the violin his complete attention; he drew from the instrument everything it had to give; his touch was light; the tones were sweet. He had the audience spellbound. They seemed to soar along with the sound he produced. When he came to the end of his piece, the instrument dropped with his arm to his side as if exhausted. There was a dead silence in the audience as if they had not yet come back to earth, then suddenly, with a deafening roar the applause started, not only applause but whistles, cheers, and all rose as one to their feet in tribute to Phil.

Crimebuster again looked toward Jerome but to his surprise saw that he had disappeared. As Crimebuster turned he saw Jerome bolt out the side door of the auditorium, a look of chagrin and defeat on his face. Jerome's companion was with the audience, on his feet, cheering and clapping enthusiastically.

The principal appeared on the stage again and tried to quiet the clamor. Finally successful, he announced, "I don't have to name the winner to you. You, as well as the judges, have chosen Phil Hardy as your representative to the State Festival."

After Crimebuster left the auditorium, he finally found Phil surrounded and almost crushed by his friends congratulating him. Among them were many who usually were congratulating Jerome whom they had deserted for their new-found hero.

Crimebuster curiously looked for Jerome but he was nowhere in sight. Finally through a window, he caught sight of Jerome, shoulders hunched and head forward, walking away from school, deserted and alone, his glory a thing of the past.

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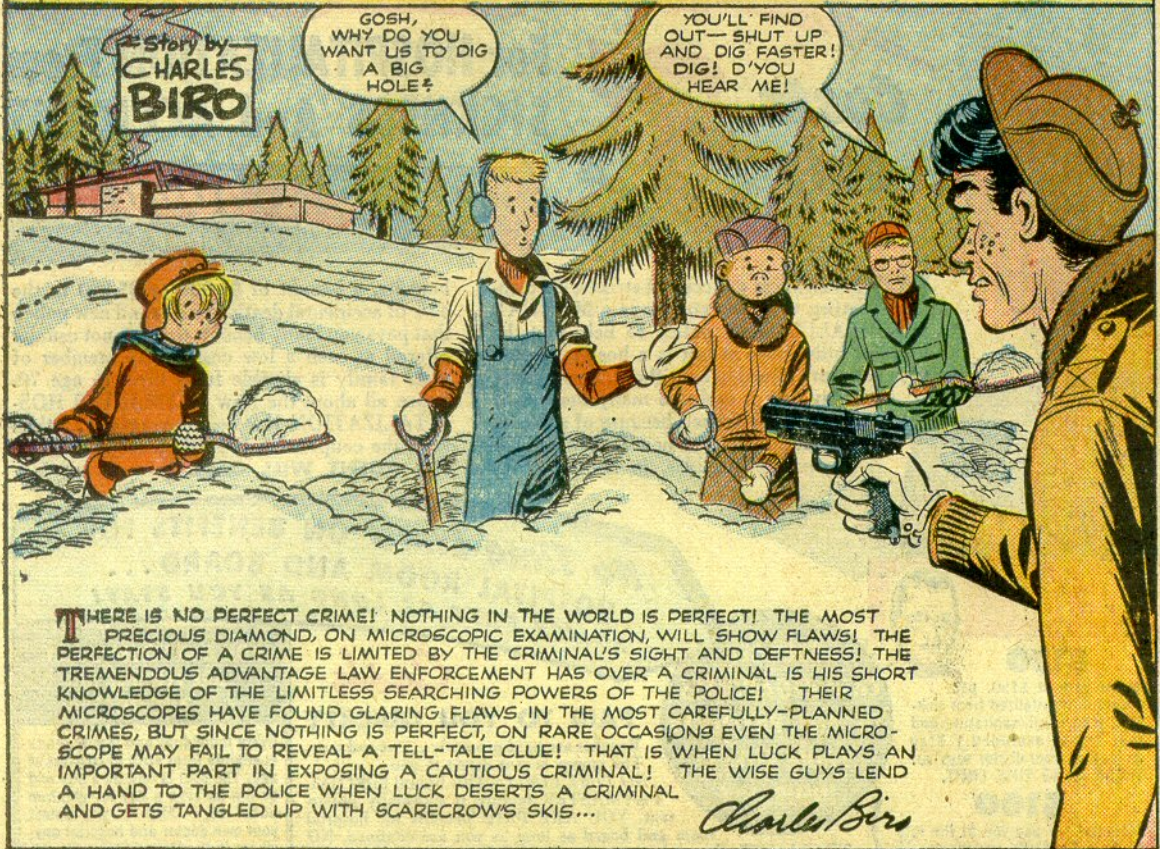
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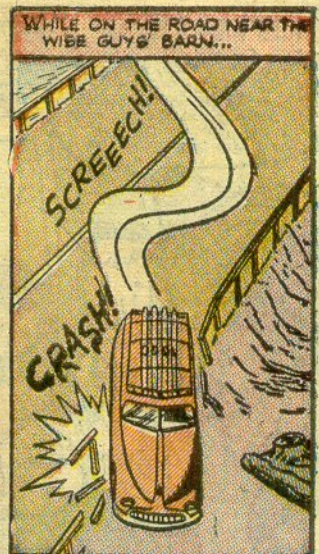
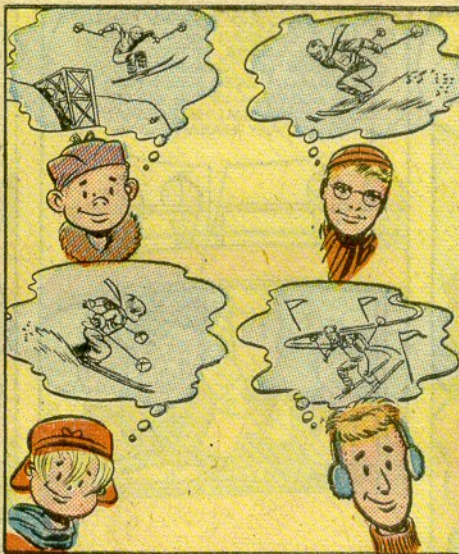
Charles Biro





IF ONLY WE COULD AFFORD THEM! GOLLY, IMAGINE WHAT FUN WE COULD HAVE!

YOU SAID IT!



WHILE ON THE ROAD NEAR THE WISE GUYS' BARN...



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISTER? WE HEARD THE CRASH!

I'M OKAY, BUT THAT FRONT WHEEL'S A MESS! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MY SKING WEEK END IS RUINED!



THERE'S A GARAGE DOWN THE ROAD ABOUT A MILE, I THINK! THEY COULD FIX IT! YOU'LL HAVE TO REPLACE THESE NUTS AND BOLTS AND MAYBE DRILL SOME NEW HOLES IN THE WHEEL DRUM BUT IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG!

SWELL! IN THAT CASE, I THINK I'LL GO AFTER A MECHANIC!



I JUST REMEMBERED— IT'S SATURDAY AFTERNOON! THERE'S NO MECHANIC ON DUTY!

IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP HIM NOW! HE MUST BE HALFWAY THERE! MAYBE WE COULD FIX IT FOR HIM!



LUCKY I WAS ABLE TO FIND ENOUGH EXTENSION CORDS TO MAKE THE DRILL REACH THIS FAR! AS IT WAS, I HAD TO SPLICE A COUPLE OF WIRES!

I FOUND FIVE NUTS AND BOLTS! THAT SHOULD HOLD THAT WHEEL, SO WE'RE ALL SET!



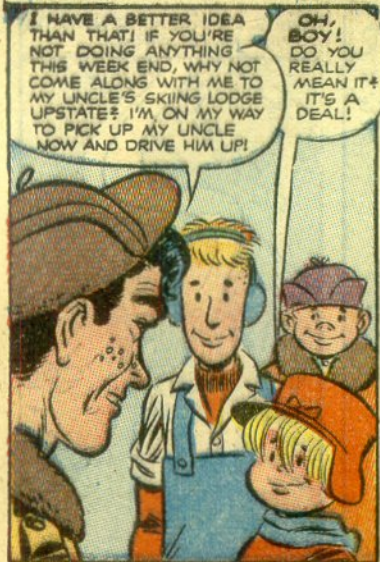
YOU GAVE ME A BUM STEER, KIDS! THERE WAS NO ONE AT THE GARAGE TO WORK ON THE CAR! I GUESS I'M STUCK!

GUESS AGAIN!



I'LL BE DARNED! YOU FIXED IT! THANKS! IT WOULD HAVE COST AT LEAST TEN DOLLARS TO HAVE IT FIXED! WILL YOU TAKE IT?

NO, THANKS, MISTER! WE DON'T WANT TO BE PAID— BUT YOU COULD RETURN THE FAVOR, IF YOU'D LET US BORROW YOUR SKIS— JUST LONG ENOUGH TO TRY THEM OUT!



I HAVE A BETTER IDEA THAN THAT! IF YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING THIS WEEK END, WHY NOT COME ALONG WITH ME TO MY UNCLE'S SKIING LODGE UPSTATE? I'M ON MY WAY TO PICK UP MY UNCLE NOW AND DRIVE HIM UP!

OH, BOY! DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT? IT'S A DEAL!



I'M JOHN CAREY AND MY UNCLE IS STEVE CARSON! HE RUNS THE SNOW HILL LODGE, ALTHOUGH HE ONLY GOES UP TO SUPERVISE IT PERSONALLY OVER WEEK ENDS! IF HE SEEMS A LITTLE GRUFF, DON'T MIND HIM! HE DOESN'T MEAN ANY HARM!



JOHN! YOU'RE AN HOUR AND A HALF LATE -AND WHO ARE THESE HOODLUMS WITH YOU? YOU KNOW I DON'T CARE FOR COMPANY ON THE TRIP! I'VE A GOOD MIND TO STAY HOME!

OH, COME NOW, UNCLE STEVE! BE A GOOD SPORT! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR PEE WEE AND HIS FRIENDS, I MIGHT NEVER HAVE GOTTEN HERE! THEY HELPED ME FIX MY CAR AFTER I WRECKED MY FRONT WHEEL!



TURN OFF THAT RADIO! I CAN'T STAND THAT STUFF! AND ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO STOP KICKING THE BACK OF MY SEAT!

WHAT A GROUCH! I WISH WE HADN'T COME! HOW CAN JOHN STAND THAT GUY! GRIPE! GRIPE!



THESE ARE MY FRIENDS; JOCK, CURLY, SCARECROW AND PEE WEE! CAN YOU FIX THEM UP WITH SKIS, MARTIN?... MARTIN IS MY UNCLE STEVEN'S PARTNER! HE'S THE BEST INSTRUCTOR IN THESE PARTS! HE'LL HAVE YOU SKIING LIKE EXPERTS IN NO TIME!

OH, BOY!



SCARECROW! SCARECROW! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!



GEE, I SAW THAT TREE COMING BUT I JUST COULDN'T GET MY FEET TO DO WHAT I WANTED! I'M OKAY - JUST KIND OF WINDED!

I GUESS YOU'VE ALL HAD ENOUGH FOR TODAY! IT WILL GO EASIER TOMORROW!



... AND JUST AFTER I CROSSED THE SPOT, A HUGE AVALANCHE CRASHED DOWN! THAT WAS THE CLOSEST CALL I EVER HAD!

GOLLY, TELL US ANOTHER STORY, MARTIN!

NO! I'M FED UP WITH LISTENING TO HIM YACKETY-YACKET! MOST LIKELY IT'S A PACK OF LIES, ANYHOW!



I THINK WE'RE ALL PRETTY TIRED! I SUGGEST WE ALL GO TO BED SO WE'LL BE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR TOMORROWS SKIING!

I INTEND TO DO "THE MOUNTAIN" TOMORROW! I SUGGEST THAT WE MAKE A PARTY OF IT! GIVE THOSE WOULD-BE SKIERS A TASTE OF WHAT REAL SKIING IS LIKE!



MR. CARSON, SURELY YOU DON'T MEAN ALL THREE LEVELS? THE TOP LEVEL IS SUICIDE UNLESS YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED SKIER! JOHN HAS THE ABILITY, BUT YOU...

IF JOHN CAN DO IT, I CAN DO IT! AS FOR THE OTHERS—THEY CAN WAIT FOR US AT THE SECOND LEVEL! AND NOW, GOOD NIGHT!



JOHN, TALK YOUR UNCLE OUT OF THIS CRAZY IDEA! EVEN IF HE IS A GOOD SKIER, HE'S NOT IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION! ONE SLIP AND HE MIGHT BE KILLED! DON'T LET HIM DO IT!

HOW CAN I STOP HIM? YOU KNOW HOW STUBBORN HE IS!



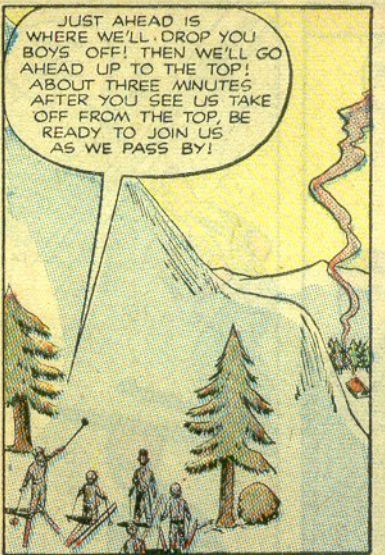
GOOD NIGHT, JOHN! WE'RE HAVING A SWELL TIME BUT I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN PUT UP WITH THAT GROUCHY UNCLE OF YOURS! BOY, IF I WERE IN YOUR SHOES, I'D TELL HIM OFF!

I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU NOT TO SPEAK OF MY UNCLE IN THAT MANNER AGAIN! YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO CRITICIZE!



GOSH, ALL I SAID WAS THAT HE WAS A GROUCH AND HE IS!

IT WAS FUNNY HOW JOHN SNAPPED AT YOU! HIS UNCLE MUST DRIVE HIM CRAZY, TOO! CAN HE REALLY LIKE HIM?



JUST AHEAD IS WHERE WE'LL DROP YOU BOYS OFF! THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD UP TO THE TOP! ABOUT THREE MINUTES AFTER YOU SEE US TAKE OFF FROM THE TOP, BE READY TO JOIN US AS WE PASS BY!



I'LL LEAD OFF AND YOU FOLLOW ME, STEVE—JOHN CAN BRING UP THE REAR! KEEP WELL IN AGAINST THE SHOULDER OF THE MOUNTAIN ALL THE TIME! USE A CHRISTIE TURN WHEN YOU REACH THE CHASM AT THE END OF THE FIRST DESCENT! TRY AND KEEP IN MY TRACES...

YES—YES—YES—FOR PITY'S SAKE! I KNOW HOW TO SKI!



IF YOU DO, THEN FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, STAY BACK FROM THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF! CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S COVERED WITH A GLAZE OF ICE?

I ENJOY DANGER! STANDING HERE WITH A SHEER DROP OF A THOUSAND FEET BELOW MAKES ME REALIZE ONE'S INSIGNIFICANCE!

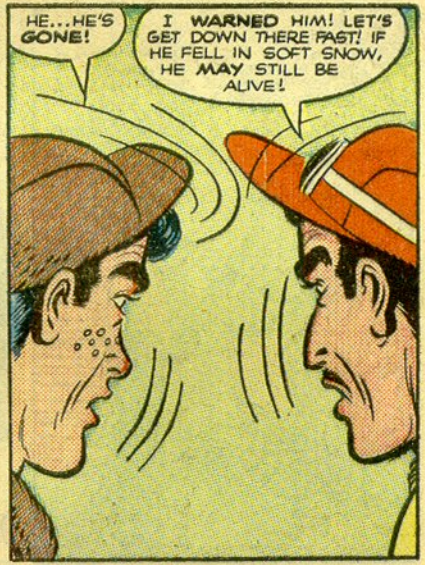


ENJOY YOUR DANGER SOME OTHER TIME! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY WHEN YOU'RE OUT WITH ME!

BAH! THE DAY YOU BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR ME...

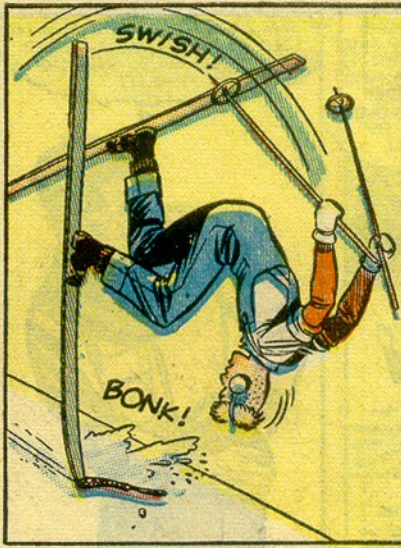


OH, RELAX—BOTH OF YOU! THIS IS NO TIME TO BE BICKERING LIKE KIDS!





THAT MUST'VE BEEN MR. CARSON WHO FELL!



HECK! I WAS DOING FINE TILL I HIT THAT THING! WHAT WAS IT?

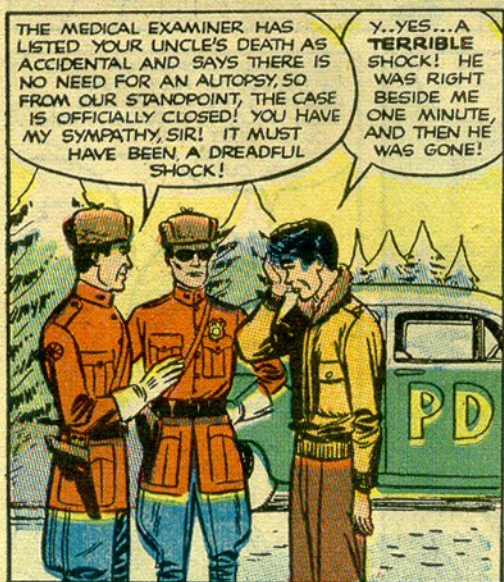


A BLACKJACK! HOW DID THAT GET HERE? A WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF SNOW AND I HAVE TO STUMBLE ON IT! I REALLY MUST BE JINXED! GEE, I'D BETTER CATCH UP WITH THE OTHERS!



DID THEY FIND MR. CARSON? IS HE ALIVE?

NO, SCARECROW! HE MUST HAVE DIED INSTANTLY! THE POLICE ARE HERE NOW! LET'S GO INSIDE!



THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAS LISTED YOUR UNCLE'S DEATH AS ACCIDENTAL AND SAYS THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN AUTOPSY, SO FROM OUR STANDPOINT, THE CASE IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED! YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY, SIR! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A DREADFUL SHOCK!

Y..YES...A TERRIBLE SHOCK! HE WAS RIGHT BESIDE ME ONE MINUTE, AND THEN HE WAS GONE!

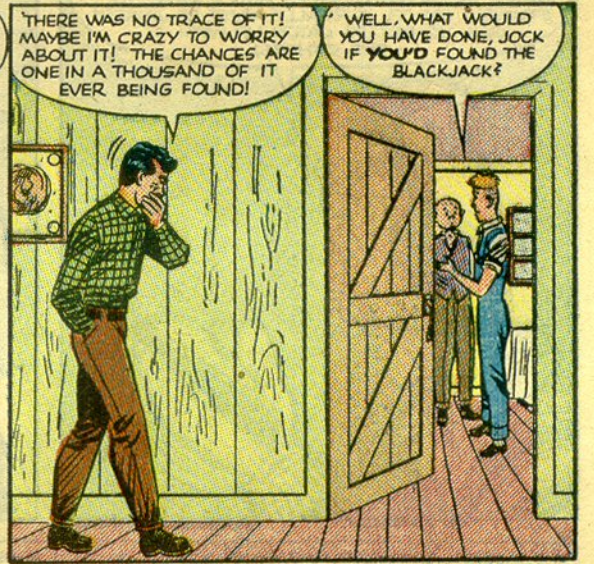


POOR JOHN! WHAT A TOUGH WAY TO HAVE HIS WEEK END WIND UP! NOW IF WE HADN'T FIXED THAT WHEEL, HIS UNCLE WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY! IT'S LITTLE THINGS LIKE THAT THAT CAN CHANGE A WHOLE LIFE!

SPEAKING OF LITTLE THINGS..



REMEMBER HOW I WAS LATE GETTING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN? HERE'S THE REASON WHY! WITH ALL THE SNOW ON THAT MOUNTAIN I HAD TO TRIP OVER THIS THING JUST ABOUT HALFWAY DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!





LOOK HERE, PEE WEE, IF YOU REALLY THINK JOHN'S UNCLE WAS MURDERED, WHO MURDERED HIM? JOHN?

NOT JOHN! WHY, HE LIKED HIS UNCLE, AND BESIDES HE'S TOO SWELL A GUY! NO, I THINK IT'S MARTIN! MAYBE THEY DIGAGREED OVER THEIR PARTNERSHIP OR SOMETHING!



I THINK PEE WEE HAS SOMETHING THERE! MARTIN COULD HAVE LOTS OF MOTIVES... PERSONAL HATE... BUSINESS... IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MR. CARGON MADE HIM MAD THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN HE CALLED MARTIN A LIAR! LET'S GO TELL JOHN!



... AND HERE'S THE BLACKJACK! I'LL BET ANYTHING THAT MARTIN HIT YOUR UNCLE AND SHOVED HIM OFF THE CLIFF WHEN YOUR BACK WAS TURNED! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE?

I... I ALREADY HAVE! YOU SEE, I SUSPECTED HIM, BUT I HAD NO PROOF... WHEN HE LEFT IN SUCH A RUH, I CALLED THE POLICE TO STOP HIM!



BUT HOW COULD YOU HAVE CALLED? I TRIED TO, BUT THE LINES MUST HAVE BEEN CUT!

YOUR BEING MIXED UP IN THIS!

I CALLED BEFORE - THEY WERE CUT - I GUESS MARTIN MUST HAVE DONE IT BEFORE HE LEFT! NOW LOOK, - I THINK THE BEST THING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS FOR YOU TO PACK UP! I'LL TAKE YOU HOME! NO POINT IN



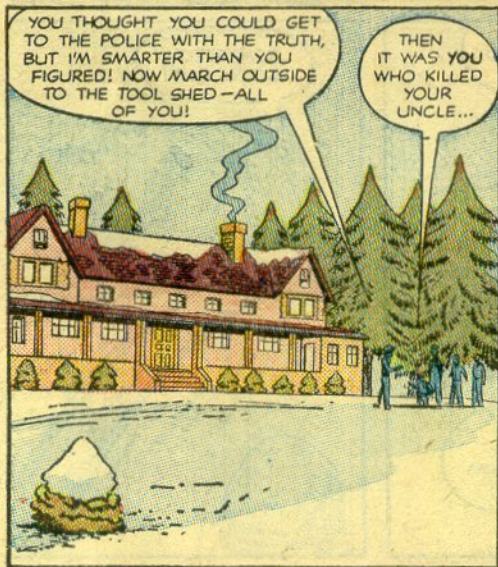
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS THAT PUZZLES ME!

THEY'RE PRETENDING THEY SUSPECT MARTIN! MAYBE THEY PLAN TO REPORT ME TO THE POLICE!



HERE WE ARE - ALL SET TO GO... HEY, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF THAT GUN?

IT'S NO JOKE! I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN KIDDING ME! YOU KNOW IT WAS ME AND NOT MARTIN WHO KILLED UNCLE STEVE!



YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD GET TO THE POLICE WITH THE TRUTH, BUT I'M SMARTER THAN YOU FIGURED! NOW MARCH OUTSIDE TO THE TOOL SHED - ALL OF YOU!

THEN IT WAS YOU WHO KILLED YOUR UNCLE...



THERE! EACH OF YOU GRAB A SHOVEL AND START DIGGING! I'M GOING TO LET YOU DIG A DEEP HOLE!

WHAT FOR?

HE WANTS US TO DIG OUR OWN GRAVES!



MAYBE NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO US!

I GUESS THIS IS THE END! SNIFF! SNIFF! I...I HOPE AFTER WE'RE DEAD, WE'LL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN SOMEHOW...

KEEP TALKING, PEE WEE! I HAVE A PLAN!



QUICK! GRAB HIM! GET HIS GUN!



I'VE GOT HIM!

HEY!



YOU BRATS! I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU THE MINUTE I FOUND OUT YOU KNEW!



I'LL GET THE TWO FACED SKUNK!

NO! WAIT, JOCK! LET'S SURROUND HIM FIRST!



THAT WAS CLOSE!



HE'S PUTTING ON HIS SKIS! HURRY!



HECK, I ALMOST HAD HIM!

WE'LL NEVER CATCH HIM NOW!



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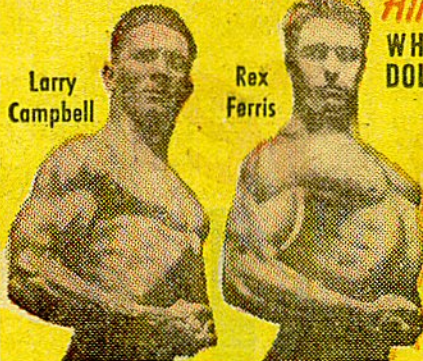
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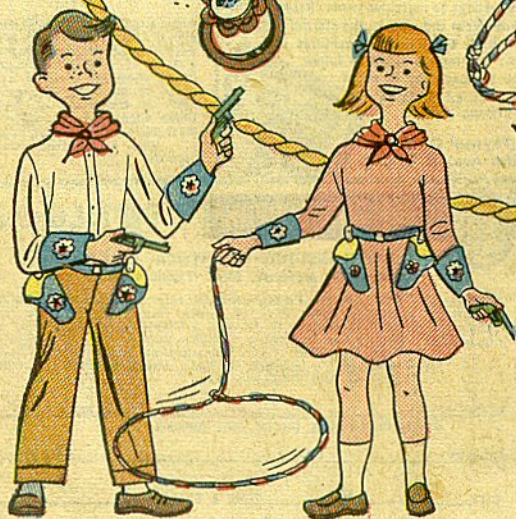
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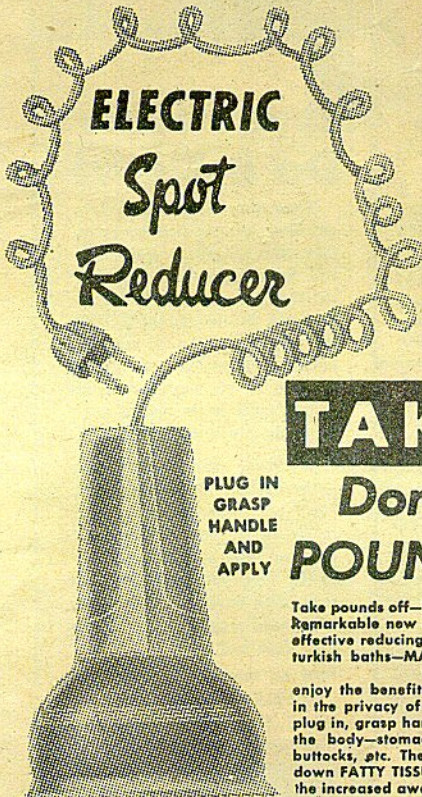


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